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Principal's Award...



NOELLE SERAFINO is the 2001 recipient of the prestigious "Principal's Award" at the Agawam Junior High. Each year, this award is given to the top eighth-grade student at the school. Principal Kevin Littlefield made the presentation. (Related photo and story in "Education" section.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Trip to Reggio Calabria fulfills every hope

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

An incredible welcome followed by a gala dinner initiated the Agawam Sister City commissioners' sojourn to Italy and their first day in the picturesque city of Reggio Calabria.

The 26-member Agawam group checked into their hotel and walked the five or six blocks to City Hall, where a welcoming reception with every conceivable dignity was waiting.

A receiving line of military lined the front of Reggio Calabria's City Hall, and the American flag and the Italian flag flew side-by-side over the building.

The travelers dined in the Excelsior Hotel on the roof garden, overlooking the beautiful Straits of Messina, savoring the food from a "monstrous buffet" which included fish, chicken, and other delicious foods. They were entertained for almost an hour by a local tenor.

William Euliano, chairman of the Agawam Sister City Commission, described it as "a very entertaining evening, to say the least."

After presentations, a local group of teens danced the Tarantella in traditional costumes.

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Six Flags treats exchange students



SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND MARKETING DIRECTOR Dean O'Keefe (front row, holding plaque) received a "Lifetime Member Award" from the Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) this past Monday. Six Flags has been a supporter of Agawam AFS since taking over the amusement park. The exchange students pictured with O'Keefe were being hosted by Agawam AFS families from Friday, July 6th through Monday, July 9th. Six Flags gave each of the 34 students and their adult chaperone a day's pass. The students had spent the 2000-2001 school year as students in various AFS chapters in Maine and spent their last four days in the U.S.A. as guests of the Agawam AFS Chapter. The students came from countries as far away as Thailand, Japan, New Zealand, and South Africa, and from countries in Europe and South America.



SARAT FORD OF AGAWAM assisted the Agawam Fire Department in training exercises using extrication equipment by donating automobiles. The town gave Sarat Ford a plaque for their public service. From left: Steven Martin, deputy fire chief; Jeff Sarat, representing Sarat Ford; Richard A. Cohen, mayor; John DeLucchi, Sarat Ford staff; and Donald Pisano, Agawam Fire Department. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mayor Cohen thanks Sarat Ford

Sarat Ford has been publicly thanked by Mayor Richard A. Cohen for its generous donation of automobiles for training at the Agawam Fire Department.

In making the announcement, Cohen stated, "I would like to particularly thank Jack and Jeff Sarat, and John DeLucchi, for their kindness and generosity. The Fire Department gained invaluable experience and practice in the use of the department's array of automobile extrication equipment, along with various techniques associated with their use."

Cohen added, "Today's automobiles are much safer and more complicated than in the past. Only through constant training and continuing education are our emergency responders able to keep up with the skills and use of modern equipment to save lives.

"With Sarat Ford's past and future support, the Agawam Fire Department can continue to keep its skills sharp and better serve the Town of Agawam," concluded Cohen.

Berkshire Power on line as occupancy permit granted

by Hope E. Murray
Municipal Writer

After months of negotiating, Berkshire Power, LLC, was issued a Certificate of Occupancy July 3 and has been online ever since, according to Frank Basile, the company's general manager.

"We're online and are fully commercially operational," Basile said. "It was a long process and I really believe that [Building Inspector] Nick Urbinati and the Mayor and others did a great job reviewing the plant. They were very, very thorough."

In fact, Agawam was more thorough than any other town the company deals with, Basile said.

"It was not typical," he said of the process and conditions stipulated by the town. "The requirements Agawam bestowed on us were not ordinary. They're to the extreme. However, I'm confident we've met all the town's requirements."

The plant, located at 36 Moylan Lane, is a state-of-the-art facility, according to Basile.

"This equipment is very efficient. This plant is the most efficient facility to date," he said.

Despite, more than one failed attempts to get the plant online several months ago, Berkshire Power is confident in its power and tested thoroughly prior to receiving the Certificate of Occupancy, he said.

"We had some intense testing go on during the commissioning process," said Basile. "We're fully operational and we're confident we've met all the local hurdles."

Mayor Richard A. Cohen said the area of greatest concern was known as Condition 15.

"This condition states that Berkshire Power should be responsible for rebuilding the site back to its original state when and if it ever stops functioning," Cohen said. "I wanted it to be satisfactory not only to me, the building inspector and the city solicitor, but I also wanted it to be best for the citizens of Agawam. That's why it took so long."

An agreement was reached requiring Berkshire Power to set up a fund for site reconditioning. Cohen said that according to that agreement, after 40 years, Berkshire Power would have more than \$6 million in that fund. The town also required the company to present a letter of credit from The Toronto-Dominion Bank, including authorized signatures.

"I left absolutely no T's uncrossed or I's undotted," Cohen said. "I was willing to agree to some things, but nothing that jeopardized Agawam. I'm very happy with the agreement."

Basile expressed similar sentiments.

"We're very happy to be operating in the Town of Agawam," he said. "Our whole intent is to operate efficiently, provide good, clean power and be a good neighbor."

Berkshire Power has already made itself neighborly in town, Cohen said. It has given the Agawam Fire Department several thousand dollars for equipment and has set up a giving program. The program allocates funds to Agawam residents and businesses selected by a program board, which consists of six community members.

Veterans' corner...

Is it time to retire YOUR flag?

by Edward Kellogg, Veterans' Agent
786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Memorial Day, Flag Day, and the Fourth of July have come and gone for another year. Those of you who displayed the American flag during those special days, please look at it carefully before you pack it away in a box until next year.

I would like you to ask yourself this question: "Is it time to retire this flag?" If the flag is discolored, torn, or frayed, it's time to retire "Old Glory."

So, think about this: if that retirement time has come, bring the flag to the American Legion, VFW, or my office at Agawam Town Hall. As a group, we will be staging a flag retirement at a later date. This retirement ceremony will be staged to educate the public (especially our younger generations) on flag etiquette.

So, if you want to retire "Old Glory," let's do it right. Thanks!

The Agawam Veterans' Council will sponsor its Fifth Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 4th ("Coast Guard Day"). Registration is at 7:00 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m.

It will be held at St. Ann's Country Club in Feeding Hills. The cost is \$70 person; this cost includes golf fees, cart, and buffet dinner. Reserve your foursome by calling my office at the above number or stop by my office.

Come join our celebrity golfers - ROCK 102's Bax & O'Brien. Make sure you put this event on your calendar NOW!

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Letters To The Editor

It is time that BMX bicycle racing gets some recognition

To the Editor:

As an 18 year-old reader of your paper, I must say that you do a great job covering town events for the most part, such as the recent "Battle of the Bands" and various school sports event throughout the year. I enjoy reading about what's going on in the community and the events that are going to take place. However, there is one sport I've never seen covered in our town paper and I'm not sure why.

The sport that I'm referring to is BMX bicycle racing and it is going on almost every Friday night up in Westfield. It's free to come watch, and it starts at 8:00 p.m. The track is located on the Westfield fairgrounds and is called Whip City BMX. It's been there for years.

You might ask why should you cover such events, especially since the events are not even in our town, so here it goes.

1) There are many riders from Agawam that race here. A few of them are Joe "The Maniac McPhasen, 14 Rookie; Kyle Turcott, 14 Novice; Cam Peary, 2000 Ma. #1 for 16 Novice; Corey Peary, 14 Novice; Ryan Lynch, 2000 Ma. #1 for 15 Novice; and myself, 2000 Ma. #1 for 18-20 Expert and Cruiser. We also have four racers from the St. Peter family: Ryan, Chase, Cote, and Jeremy. We can't forget about the Kerrs, who tear up the track on Friday nights.

2) Covering stuff about BMX bike racing would bring something new and fresh to the paper, giving the readers new stuff to read about.

3) Since there are not really any school sports going on in the summer, this would be some great sports coverage for the readers to read about.

4) A lot of the racers that I referred to earlier in this letter don't really play school sports (some do). This is our sport, and I especially think it's time the news and media start giving it the attention that it deserves.

I have been racing BMX for five years now. I travel all over and have been seeing this sport slowly come out of the shadow of all others. As of right now, BMX is getting more coverage than ever, but it's still not really enough.

I want to see this sport elevate to new levels. Seeing rider bios, interviews, and race results for our local riders and stories about BMX in this paper would be a tremendous step. I will personally volunteer to write an article every week, free of charge, about the events at Whip City, and I will be happy to answer any questions that anyone has about BMX in general.

Maybe if people read about it and checked it out, they would become interested in the sport. Some of the local teens might want to come check it out because they are looking for something to do on Friday nights. Others may want to try it for themselves, such as my dad (who, I might add, will make a comeback sometime this year).

Thanks for reading,
Joe Gaulin
Feeding Hills

A "renaissance" of sorts for tennis in the Town of Agawam

To the Editor:

The successful tennis tournament we had in Agawam this past weekend was evidence of tennis interest in our town. I want to thank *The Agawam Advertiser News* for promoting the tournament, and a special thanks to Mr. Ric Sardella for donating the tennis balls. I also want to thank Fred LaPlace for overseeing the event and presenting the awards. (I was not able to be there for the tournament because of a prior commitment.)

I want to thank our Parks & Recreation Director, Chris Sparks, for agreeing to try a tennis tournament in town. However, I was disappointed with Mr. Sparks when (three days before the tournament) he informed

me that he had cancelled the event because he had received few entries.

I was very disappointed to hear this, particularly when I had spent a great deal of time preparing the entry form, passing these forms to all the tennis players I met in Agawam and in Springfield, and calling up my tennis friends to participate in the event.

I assured him that more entries would be forthcoming prior to the day of the tournament. Reluctantly and in anger, he agreed to hold the tournament.

In closing, I would like to give our young P & R Director a little advice: "Chris, keep your cool, you'll live longer."

Rudy Altobelli
Agawam

Agawam residents enjoyed their 10 days in Italy

To the Editor:

This year, I wanted to plan a vacation that would be different, fun, and not within easy calling range of work. While I've traveled through many parts of Europe in years past, I had not been over on vacation in seven years.

About two years ago, the Town of Agawam formed a Sister City Commission. The commission promotes cultural, social, educational, and economic exchange with its sister city. As Agawam has a sizeable population of Italian heritage, Reggio Calabria was chosen from a long list of criteria. Agawam hosted visitors from Reggio last fall and Commission members have traveled to Reggio. This year, the Commission planned a 10-day tour that would cover several major areas of Italy. It didn't take long to make a decision, once I saw the itinerary and realized that I knew many of the 26 people in the group that were going!

We flew out of JFK via Alitalia on May 25th and returned on June 3rd. During those 10 days, there was hardly an idle moment. Our tour organizer and guide had packed in many activities! We started with three days in Reggio Calabria. On our day of arrival, we were guests of the mayor at City Hall. We did not expect the degree of celebration planned, but they literally rolled out the red carpet. There was over an hour of presentations - exchanges of gifts between Agawam and Reggio officials, including receiving the key to the city to bring back to Agawam's mayor.

Reggio is a modern city of 200,000 inhabitants, surrounded by a wealth of splendid scenery. It is located in the southwest tip of the boot of Italy, on the Straights of Messina, within 10 miles of Sicily. It is somewhat off the beaten path for "standard" tours of Italy. During our three days, we visited several nearby areas - Scila and its famous castle; the fishing village of Chianalea; the Locri Archeological museum on the southeast coast; and the hilltop village of Gerace, which is famous for its medieval churches and scenic views of countryside and shoreline.

From Southern Italy, our motorcoach brought us to the ruins of Pompeii. The afternoon guided tour was excellent, with highlights of the town presented by our English-speaking guide. Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D., killing over 2,000 people. The volcanic ash preserved much of the detail, which can now be visited in the excava-

tions.

Rome was another highlight. The Colosseum has been under restoration, and you can now walk on the top level. The Roman Forum was a disappointment, as it was "closed for a union meeting" on the day of our visit! Instead, we went to the Vatican and attended the outdoor Mass and blessing in St. Peter's Square by the Pope. The afternoon was spent touring the famous Vatican museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Church. After dinner, we had the "Rome At Night" tour, which included visiting the Trevi Fountain. It was bed at midnight!

The last part of the tour was to Pisa, Florence, and Montecatini. Florence is best known as the art capital of Italy. We started our day with a visit to Piazza Michelangelo, a mountainside area that overlooks the entire valley of the city of Florence (an excellent photo location!). The rest of the day was spent in downtown Florence, shopping and visiting several locations - the Church of Santa Croce (where famous people like Galileo are buried), Piazza dell Signoria (City Hall) and the Galleria dell' Accademia (contains many of Michelangelo's works, including the famous "David").

Our tour wrapped up with a visit to the hilltown of San Gimignano. There are over 60 towers, built in medieval times for protection against warring tribes. The cobblestone roads, quaint shops and cafes, and scenic vistas of the Tuscany hills (combined with moderate temperatures and sunny weather) made for an excellent conclusion. We literally ate and walked our way through Italy!

For those that have asked, I did shoot 900 slides and there will be upcoming public showings.

John Balboni
Agawam

Candidate says condo owners deserve to be treated fairly

To the Editor:

Imagine you are a dark-skinned person and considered by law to be only three-fifths of a person. Imagine you are an American citizen, but you are not allowed by law to vote, simply because you are a woman. Even though those laws have been changed, many people suffered the reality of not being treated fairly. For too many years, these injustices were perfectly legal. We would also agree they were perfectly wrong.

How would you feel if you were treated as a second-class citizen today? Can you imagine what it would be like to see your fellow citizens enjoy all the benefits our society provides, but you didn't? You don't have to imagine it at all. All you have to do is own a condominium in Agawam.

As we are all aware, the Town of Agawam provides certain benefits for its residents, which are paid for with our property taxes. Even though our property taxes differ because the value of our homes differ from one another, each of us enjoys the same level of services from the Town. Well, almost everybody. You see, the Town of Agawam does not provide trash removal services to Agawam residents who live in condominiums.

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When asked why the Town of Agawam does not provide this basic service to condo owners, along with a request to change the policy, Mayor Richard Cohen was quoted as saying: "There's case law that states condominium associations are private property ... we're not required to pick it up because it's private property."

I am surprised by Mayor Cohen, who just took great pride, as well as credit, for arranging for every-week trash removal (Hey - it only cost more money for the contract! That was really some savvy negotiating on our behalf!), and timed it for what appears to be maximum political benefit, then turns and throws legalese case law in the faces of condominium owners.

In my opinion, citing case law in this instance is the tactic of the bully. "I do, simply because I can" is a lot different from "I do, because it's the right thing to do." The role of the government is not to be a bully. With regard to bullies, government should instead protect us from them.

Sadly, sometimes politicians act in divisive ways. Mayor Cohen may not have meant to pit single-family homeowners against condo owners, and he may not be banking on a hope that single-family homeowners won't care how condo owners are treated, as long as *their* trash is picked up. In the meantime, some single-family homeowners may fear they'll see an increase in their own taxes if condo owners get their garbage picked up. We can and should come together on this.

Taxes do not have to go up in order to treat all Agawam residents fairly. I've already demonstrated how I can exercise fiscal discipline on the new fire truck. My proposal on the new fire truck would yield us an initial savings of \$150,000, plus savings on finance charges of between \$150,000 to \$240,000, for a total savings of between \$300,000 to \$540,000. You can trust me to exercise fiscal discipline in all areas of town finances and expenditures.

Now, people may think that's just a bunch of "politician-talk," a campaign pledge that will be immediately broken and forgotten. This pledge can be kept. As a community, we should keep in mind that while we may think it's nice to have weekly trash pickup (at single family homes only, of course), there was not much, if any, demand for that service. We can easily

roll back the trash collection system to what everybody is currently happy with, and redeploy the money Mayor Cohen allocated for the weekly service to fund our fair treatment policy.

Furthermore, published reports indicate that our new quarterly billing of property taxes will generate an additional \$100,000 to our town, some of which could also fund our fair treatment policy.

It is important that Agawam alter its trash collection policies. If I am elected mayor, I will do it as soon as possible. The reason we must update our town's policies is not only because it's our friends, or our relatives, or our neighbors, and maybe even ourselves someday, who live in condos.

We must act together to treat each Agawam resident fairly, because to do otherwise is contrary to an important and fundamental American principle: when any of us is diminished, we are all diminished.

Peter Monahan

Candidate for Mayor

We must oppose a new roller coaster at Six Flags

To the Editor:

I am putting out a general call to arms to the citizens of Agawam. On Thursday, July 26th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School, there will be a public hearing by the Board of Appeals. The subject of this meeting is Six Flags applying for a special permit to construct a new roller coaster.

While I am very much in favor of any local business expansion, we must see this for what it really is. This is much more than simply adding a new ride. This is the next step in the ongoing expansion at Six Flags.

With any expansion comes more headaches for the residents of Agawam. Any new attraction will bring more patrons to the park; otherwise, why would Six Flags spend the money? Obviously, with more patrons comes more traffic. So far this year, there hasn't been any major traffic problems. Let's not do anything to make matters worse.

I implore the citizens of Agawam to attend the meeting and show that we are against this next phase of expansion. The only way we can stop this problem from getting any worse is by making a strong public showing of just how we feel. I also issue a challenge to any of our recently-announced candidates for

Mayor to show up and let it be known where they stand on this issue.

Mayor Cohen has, as a matter of record, always put the concerns of the citizens first when it comes to dealing with Six Flags' traffic woes. I'm curious to see where the other candidates weigh in on this.

The folks out in Feeding Hills have shown that public outcry can have an impact. The dormitory would probably already be built if it wasn't for the efforts of the residents in that area. I applaud their efforts and hope that we can muster the same type of support to fight this latest expansion at Six Flags.

Don't be fooled into thinking that this is something that will only affect the residents in the Main Street and River Road areas. Any increase in Six Flags traffic has a negative impact on the entire town. We must speak out against this with a strong public outcry.

Our town is certainly worth the effort needed to preserve the quality of life that Agawam has always offered. Don't sit at home and figure that someone else will take care of this problem.

Take action now. Get involved; after all, it's your town, not Six Flags! The people that run Six Flags don't live here and don't have to deal with the problems that they create.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Board of Appeals meeting.

Todd Peetros
Agawam

In loving memory of Ruth and Bruno Zucco

To the Editor:

Mom and Dad, you gave your lives to us in all the ways you could. You helped us understand what life was all about in a true and meaningful way. Through loving care, support, and encouragement, you helped us grow to who we are today.

After many happy years of marriage, you were separated one day. You knew that a day would come when you would be together once again.

We love you very much and we are sad that you are gone, but we know that you are looking down through the light from up above.

Thank you for the love you gave to all the lives you

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WE'RE REMODELING!!

*We will be CLOSING our office on
Thursday, July 12th at 1:00 pm and all day
Friday, July 13th to begin our remodeling project.*

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touched. Most of all, thank you for the love you gave to us.

You greeted your grandchildren in a way that only they could know. When your great-grandchildren came along, to you it was like the light came down from up above. You touched on us in your own and special way - a way that we will only know and remember all our lives.

May your new life together be as happy as it once was, as strong and sacred as the angels from up above. May all the peace, comfort, and joys God gives to you, you send down to touch on us.

You are sadly missed, but will always be remembered.

Love,
Mary

Mary Manning to be Ruth Bitzas's campaign manager

To the Editor:

Ruth Carr Bitzas, who is running for City Council, has asked me to be her campaign manager.

Not since Francis X. Bellotti have I been active in a campaign. Many have asked me, but I have said no.

To Ruth Carr Bitzas, I could not say no. Because of our friendship of over 40 years, her honesty, and her willingness to help people, I was very proud to say YES.

Anyone willing to help Ruth Carr Bitzas and myself achieve this goal, please contact us: Mary Manning, 62 Stewart Lane, Agawam, MA, 786-7258, or Ruth Carr Bitzas, 93 Dogwood Lane, Agawam, MA, 786-7235.

Thank you,
Mary V. Manning
Agawam

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 19, 2001 at 7:15 PM at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Omnipoint Holdings, Inc. for a proposed amendment to Article XIV Personal Wireless Service Facilities and Towers of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, by amending Section 180-94 B to include property identified as Map 18, Block 1, Lot 11 owned by Moccio and located at 339 Silver Street. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

Republican Town Comm. holds picnic



THE AGAWAM REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE held a picnic recently at the V.F.W. pavilion on South Street in Agawam. From left: Mark McCormick, picnic chairman; Scott Hibbert, Republican Town Committee chairman; and Mary Jenewin-Caplin representing Acting Governor Jane Swift.

Probation Dept. to honor William Delaney

Agawam resident William Delaney will be recognized by the Office of the Commissioner of Probation for his exemplary work as a probation officer at the Holyoke District Court Probation Department during "National Probation Officer Recognition Week" in Massachusetts (July 15th-21st).

Delaney, a three-year employee of the Massachusetts Probation Service, is known in the community where he serves for his dedication and selflessness. As a probation officer, Delaney is responsible for the arrests of numerous defaulted probationers and works alternative hours with Holyoke police officers performing community supervision and participating in Warrant Apprehensions.

"William is a shining example of the hard work and effort that probation officers of the Massachusetts Probation Service put forth in addressing the needs of probationers while protecting the community at large," said John J. O'Brien, Commissioner of Probation. "Probation officers have their finger on the pulse of the community."

Delaney, who is originally from West Springfield,

earned his undergraduate degree in sociology from Providence College in 1993.

The Massachusetts Probation Service is a department of the Massachusetts Trial Court. There are 12 Superior Court, 70 District Court, and 12 Probate and Family Court probation officers throughout the Commonwealth. Probation's Juvenile Court system includes 11 divisions which represent every county in the state.

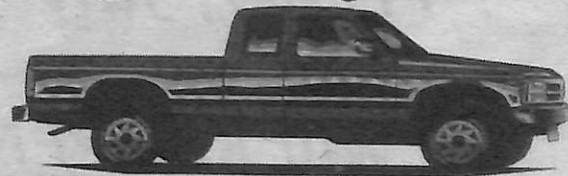
The Office of the Commissioner of Probation (OCP) serves as the central administrative office for the Massachusetts Probation Service, Office of Community Corrections, and Office of Community Service. Probation is a court-ordered sanction placed on a person convicted of a crime. The offender is allowed to remain in the community under the strict supervision of a probation officer.

Massachusetts is the birthplace of probation, which was created by an industrious Boston shoemaker named John Augustus in 1841. Probation officially became part of the court system in 1878.

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AGAWAM SISTER CITY COMMISSIONERS and friends (left photo) who traveled to Reggio Calabria, Italy made an awards presentation at a recent Agawam Town Council meeting. In right photo: Agawam Sister City Commissioners (from left) Susan Euliano, Joanne Willis, Sylvia Deliso, Rose Pepper, and Carmela Marzano with Mayor Richard A. Cohen at that Town Council meeting. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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The delegation spent of total of three days in Reggio, a city of 200,000 residents. Their city hall, the Palazzo Di San Giorgio, is massive, with arches, columns, marble, and artwork throughout.

"It was like being surrounded by Greco-Roman art," said Euliano. "After that evening, it became obvious to me that every second of effort that went into this project over the last four years was worth it."

Across the Straits of Messina from Reggio, they could also see Mt. Etna, which just erupted within the past week.

"We were given a local bilingual school teacher named William," Euliano continued, "who was our guide for three days. He was a tremendous asset to the group. We toured many of the local points of interest in the Reggio village; for example, the fishing village of Scila and the archeological digs at Locri."

"We also visited the village of Gerace, whose cathedral dates back to the ninth century, and the Museum of the Bronzes of Riace at the Museum in Reggio," said Euliano.

The contingent then headed north to Rome, stopping in Pompeii to visit the ruins where 20,000 people were buried when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79.

Euliano told us, "The city is just as it was, with digs which are remarkably detailed. It was a bustling, commercial city in its day."

In Rome, the entourage from Agawam had a Papal audience in St. Peter's Square, toured the Vatican Museum, saw the Trevi Fountains, visited the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, and went to the American Embassy.

When asked about the cuisine in Italy, Euliano told us that the best food they had was in Reggio Calabria, but that it was extremely good everywhere they travelled.

From Rome, they went on to the famous city of Florence, where they saw Michelangelo's "David."

They toured the city of Pisa and saw the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa and continued to Luca, a 13th century fortified city, and travelled on to San Gimignano, noted for its several bell towers.

They also stayed in Montecatini, famous as a spa town in Tuscany.

"The 26 people who went on this trip got along really well. The chemistry was great. I was very proud of the way they conducted themselves so elegantly in Reggio while representing our city. Would I do this again? In a heartbeat!"

Just a few years ago, the Sister City Commission was a dream in the minds of a few local visionaries. They have set in motion a series of unique cultural experiences which will enrich the citizens of Agawam as well as those of Reggio Calabria.

"Last October, we entertained a small group of people from Reggio, involving our entire town; a group of

our commissioners and friends have just returned from Reggio; and the commission is expecting an intern, Marina Coppolino, who will arrive July 21st."

The 25-year-old Reggio resident will start her internship at summer school at Agawam High School. This will be followed by time at Perry Lane Park, the Agawam Senior Center, the Town Treasurer's office, the Town Clerk's office, the Town Health Department, State Senator Linda Melconian's office, American International College's division of International Affairs, and Mayor Richard A. Cohen's office. Her visit will extend six weeks, from July 21st to September 1st.

Marina will stay in Sister City Commissioner Carmela Marzano's home. The commission anticipates many wonderful experiments in cultural opportunities through this program.

Euliano expressed his feelings about the program: "I have always felt that in this relationship, our differences would be those things that ultimately would bond us together as members of the international community. When Susan and I, Anthony Bonavita, John Negrucci, and Joseph Langone had only a dream, we knew the concept would succeed because of the people in Agawam. We were right. Each and every member of the Sister City Commission has contributed immensely in their own way to the success of this relationship."

FireWise...

Remember, a clean house is a fire-safe house...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

There are over 1,700 home fires every day in this country. On an average, one home starts burning every minute. Home fires cause death, injury, and property damage, yet most of them are preventable. People need to be aware of the careless ways fires start, and they need to periodically check for fire hazards. The Agawam Fire Department recommends the use of the following checklist:

ELECTRICITY

- * Are all appliance cords and extension cords in good condition? Worn or damaged cords can start a fire.
- * Are all electrical cords in the open ... not under rugs, over nails, or through the doorway?
- * Are all appliances with hot surfaces and light bulbs kept away from things that burn easily (i.e., paper, cloth, etc.)?

HEATING

- * Is the chimney flue and heating unit cleaned and overhauled before each heating season?
- * Are all flammable materials kept away from the furnace or other heat sources?

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

- * Is the garage kept free of oil, paint, and grease?
- * Are all flammable liquids stored in Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) approved metal safety cans outside the house?
- * Do you know never to use gasoline to clean?
- * When you use flammable liquids (look on the label to tell if it is flammable), do you use them in a well-ventilated area away from heat sources?

COMBUSTIBLES

- * Are accumulations of old furniture, newspapers, books, and magazines kept to a minimum?

OUTDOORS

- * Is the area around the outside of your house kept free of rubbish and dry leaves?
- * Is the barbecue grill kept away from combustibles and where it will not tip over on anyone?

- * Do you always wait for motors (lawn mower, mini-bike, etc.) to cool down before refueling them?

- * Do you extinguish all cigarettes when refueling your car at the gas station?

MATCHES AND CARELESS SMOKING

- * Are plenty of large, deep ashtrays kept where people smoke?
- * Do you make certain that all smoking materials are cold before disposing of them?
- * Are matches kept out of the reach and sight of young children?
- * Are older children taught the proper use of matches under supervision?

- * Do you ever smoke while reclining on upholstered furniture or while in bed?

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- Agawam Obituaries -

NORMAN C. HAYDEN, JR.

Norman C. Hayden, Jr., 73, of Hopetown Road, Micco, Florida, a restaurant chef before retiring in 1986, died on Tuesday, July 3rd, at home.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, he was the son of the late Norman C. Hayden, Sr. and the late Eunice V. (Showers) Hayden. He lived in Massachusetts and Connecticut before moving to Florida 15 years ago.

He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by three daughters, Christine C. Sassarone and Susan Lynne Corbin, both of Feeding Hills, and Brenda Lee Bowe of Southwick; one brother, LeForrest C. Hayden, Sr. of Hudson, Florida; and six grandchildren, Jessica Sassarone, Erin and Adam Corbin, and Jared, Kelsie, and Kenbra Bowe.

He was the brother of the late Gertrude Hayden.

His funeral and burial were scheduled to be private. Carpenter-Jenks Family Funeral Homes, Inc., of West Warwick, Rhode Island, was in charge of the arrangements.

IRENE A. KUSTWAN

Irene A. (Boron) Kustwan of Main Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. She worked for the state until retirement.

Born in the Chicopee Falls section of Chicopee, she lived in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield for many years before moving to Agawam in 1979.

She graduated from Chicopee High School and Bay Path Junior College.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a member of the Springfield Bridge Club, and a volunteer for several Western Massachusetts organizations.

Her husband, Louis W. Kustwan, died in 1956, and a son, Alan Kustwan, in 1979. She leaves a son, Mark W. of East Longmeadow; a sister, Helen Modzelewski of Chicopee Falls; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Chicopee.

REGINA W. LAMSON

Regina W. (Buckley) Lamson, 83, of 20 Stillbrook Lane, Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a gift shop clerk at the former Johnson's Book Store on Main Street, Springfield, and retired in 1976. She worked previously for the former Vincentian Fathers, also in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she graduated from the former Central High School and lived in that city until moving to Agawam in 1978.

He husband, Clifford H. Lamson, died in 1982.

She leaves a son, Clifford H. Jr. of Pembroke Pines, Florida; three daughters, Patricia A. Lamson of Springfield, Virginia I. MacDonald of Sharpsburg, Georgia, and Mary C. Lamson of Feeding Hills; a brother, Thomas J. Buckley of Yorba Linda, California; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

FRED SADAK

Fred Sadak, 73, of West Springfield and formerly of Agawam, died recently at home.

He was a self-employed tile tradesman.

He was born and schooled in Agawam and graduated from Agawam High School. He lived in West Springfield for 10 years and was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 185 in Agawam.

He leaves his wife, the former Jeannette R. Rheame; a son, James of West Springfield; a daughter, Denise Smith of West Springfield; a brother, Joseph of West Springfield; four sisters, Elmyra Harbey, Ann Malkoon, Elizabeth Elefras, and Susie Cotton, all of West Springfield; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the St. Thomas the Apostle

Church, with burial in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

ROBERT H. SPORN

Robert H. Sporn, 69, of Cooper Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at Goodwill Industries for many years.

Born in Hartford, CT, he lived in Springfield for most of his life before moving to Agawam.

He was a member of Kesser Israel Synagogue.

He leaves five cousins, Earl Goldberg of Springfield, Benjamin Sporn of Lawrence, New York, Perry Sporn of Forest Hills, New York, Cynthia Jeffcott of Kingston, North Carolina, and Steven Kutner of Palo Alto, California.

A graveside service was held at City of Homes

Cemetery. Harld R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kesser Israel Synagogue, 19 Oakland Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

STANLEY STASSEN

Stanley Stassen, 88, of Agawam and formerly of Springfield, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was an assistant civil engineer for the city of Springfield, and previously a machinist and toolmaker.

Born and raised in Kaunas, Lithuania, he graduated from high school there in 1928, and became the town's postmaster. He studied engineering in Koenigsberg, Germany, and graduated from the

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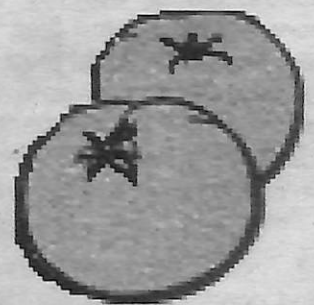
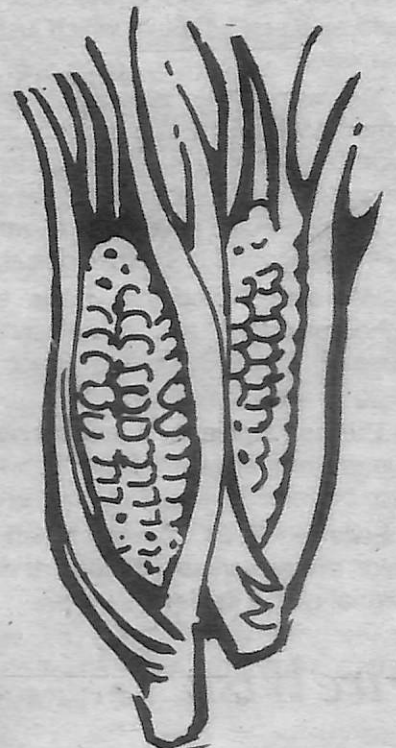
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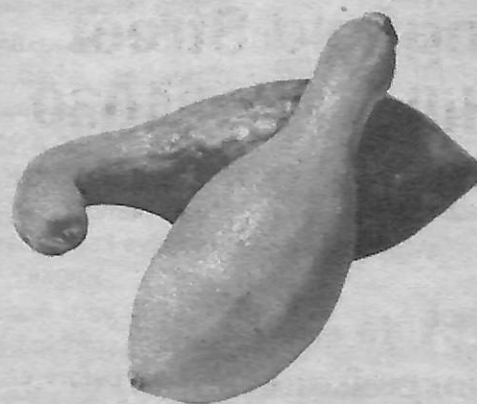
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Kaunas School of Technology in 1934.

He came to this country in 1950, and lived in the Springfield area before moving to Agawam 25 years ago.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

His wife, the former Hilda Schulz, died in 1989.

He leaves two sons, James and Peter, both of Agawam; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

SAMUEL J. STEINMETZ

Samuel J. Steinmetz, 18, of 59 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills, died recently from injuries sustained when he fell from a cliff near an abandoned quarry in Suffield, Connecticut. He died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at Olive Oils Restaurant. He was born in Van Wert, Ohio, and moved to Feeding Hills three years ago. He attended art schools. He was a member of the Bible Baptist Church.

He leaves his parents, Jerome and Deborah (Hirn) Steinmetz of Feeding Hills; a brother, Jason of New York City; a sister, Rachel Steinmetz of Feeding Hills; and his grandparents, Richard and Sally Steinmetz of Port Charlotte, Florida.

The funeral was held at the church. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

BRUNO ZUCCO

Bruno "Harry" Zucco, 87, of 775 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was the owner for 10 years of the Consumer Packaging Co., which closed in 1972.

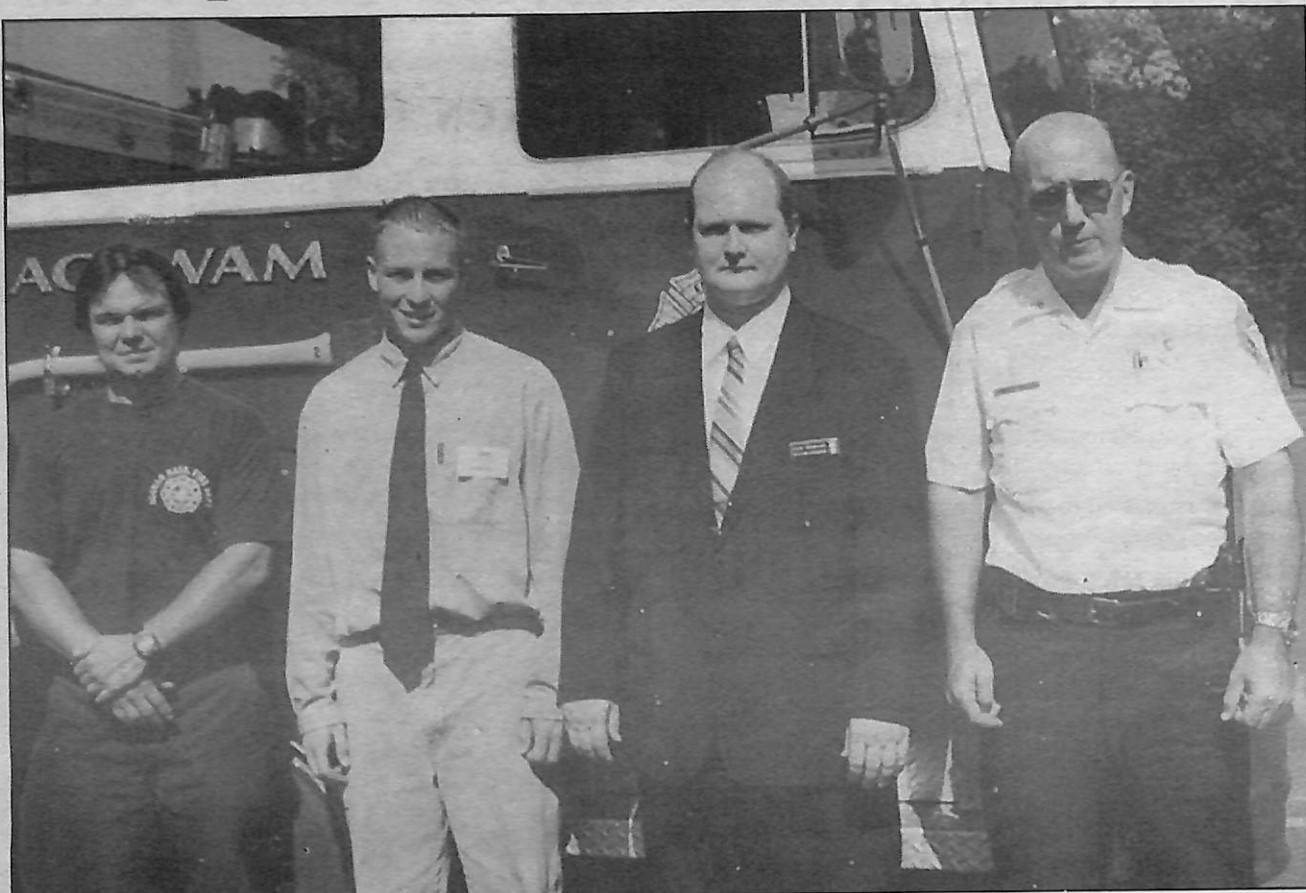
Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for most of his life and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

His wife, the former Ruth Ross, died in 1992.

He leaves a son, James of Agawam; two daughters, Paula Rodier of Feeding Hills and Susan Nardi of Agawam; a stepdaughter, Mary Leahy of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Peter of West Springfield and Joseph of Carson City, Nevada; two sisters, Antoinette DeBarge of West Springfield and Anne Belcore of Rockport, Texas; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in the Agawam Center Cemetery.

The Agawam Advertiser News

Stop & Shop Promotes Fire Safety

SUPER STOP & SHOP in Feeding Hills Center is one of the sponsors for the upcoming "Fire Officer Phil" seminar on safety and awareness, which will be provided to first through fourth graders in the four Agawam Elementary Schools (reading 1,479 children). The seminar provides an informative and educational program on fire safety. Each child will receive a fire safety storybook. From left: Steven Castelli, emt/firefighter; Erik Blackman, Stop & Shop intern; Kenneth Romano, Stop & Shop Customer Service manager; and Steven Martin, deputy fire chief. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of Six Flags New England which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-49 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a new roller coaster at the premises identified as: 1623 Main Street.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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Families

Tom McCarthy makes the outdoors more accessible

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Tom McCarthy, an Agawam High graduate remembered by many for his sparkling eyes and quick wit, has turned a potential affliction into an opportunity to make our state parks and forests accessible to everyone.

"When you eliminate the barriers in the world, you eliminate the disability," Tom says.

Tom was one of the last people to suffer polio and completed his schooling using crutches. As luck would have it, he was further injured and now uses a wheelchair.

In spite of these challenges, Tom recently was chosen by Greenfield Community College as one of three 2001 Distinguished Alumni. Tom graduated from GCC in 1979.

Being wheelchair-bound is a peripheral issue for him, for his workplace spans the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from Pittsfield to the Cape. As Director of the Universal Access Program for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, his mandate is to create accessible outdoor experiences in state parks and forests for everyone.

"When I see how much fun people (with disabilities) are having - skiing, kayaking, swimming, whatever - when they're out there in the world having a great time and it's being made safe for them, that's a big satisfaction for me," he reflected.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards honor GCC alums who have contributed to their community in an altruistic and exemplary way; risen to prominence in their profession; or have overcome some obstacle to achieve their goals.

To think that when Tom entered GCC on crutches some 20 years ago, things were different.

"I was the only disabled person I knew," he said.

As an art major, he dragged paintings in and out of the building and remembers, "There were a lot of doors at that time! Although it was a bit of a challenge, I never thought much about it. I never knew it was a



TOM MCCARTHY (seated, center) with members of his family - (brother) **Dennis**, (sister) **Mary**, and (brother) **John** (back row); (sister) **Susan**, who is holding Tom's nephew, **Christopher**; and Tom's mother, **Helen** (right). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

human rights issue to expect a more accessible world."

Tom transferred from GCC to Amherst College and earned a master's degree in landscape architecture. He found himself focusing on accessibility projects. "I feel like I have a responsibility, as a person with a disability, to do what I can to make the world a more accessible place," Tom explained.

Tom has been in the process of launching a new,

non-profit organization called "All Out Adventures."

From his position on the board of directors, Tom will work to expand the range of outdoor experiences available for the disabled.

He is quoted in the Distinguished Awards Program as stating, "Grow where you're planted. Take what is closest to you and make that your avocation." For those who knew him and his family, such a statement is easy to understand.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you.

AHS's class of 1971 to hold reunion

The Agawam High School class of 1971 will be holding its 30-year reunion on Saturday, August 11th, at the Carriage House of Storowton Tavern in West Springfield. The reunion will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until 12:30 a.m.

The cost is \$30 per person, and all replies are requested by Friday, July 27th.

The reunion committee is lacking the mailing addresses for several class members - you may be one of them! Please call (413) 746-0992 or e-mail moira_walsh@hotmail.com if you have failed to receive an invitation to our first summer reunion.

(The names of the "missing" classmates will be published in a subsequent issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News*.)

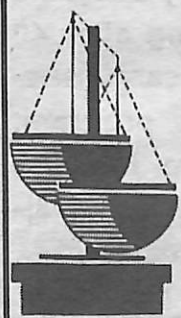
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Agawam High Class of 1951 Celebrates 50th Reunion



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1951 gathered at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield to celebrate their 50-year reunion. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

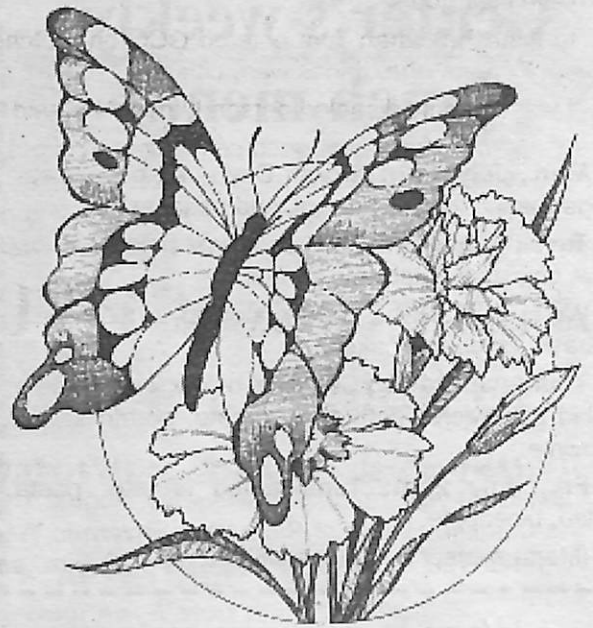
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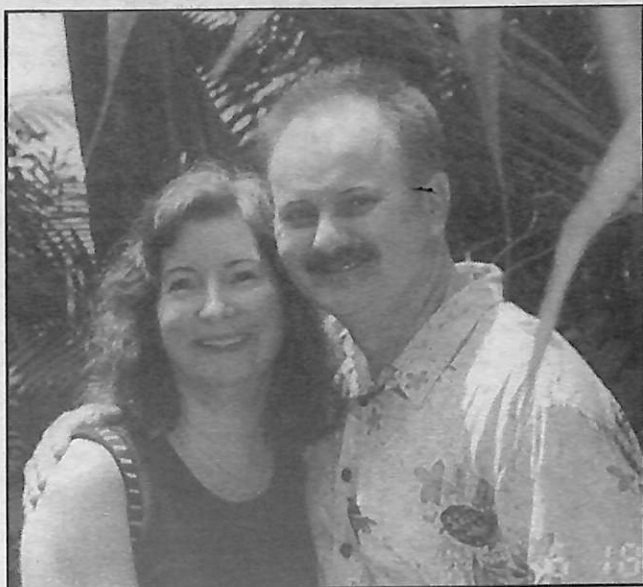
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DONNA & PAUL HARVEY

Donna & Paul Harvey celebrate 25th wedding anniversary

Donna & Paul Harvey of Pine View Circle in Agawam recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 18, 1976.

They have two daughters: Alisa, who works for USAirways at Bradley International Airport; and Jennifer, who works at Six Flags New England.

They spent two weeks touring Puerto Rico and the islands of Culebra and Vieques.

After returning from their trip, they were guests of honor at a dinner party held at the Ivanhoe Restaurant in West Springfield, where they celebrated with family and friends.

Agawam Senior Center's weekly lunch menu

Mon., July 16th: "Polish Day" - kielbasa, cabbage, beans, potato pierogi, and peaches.

Tues., July 17th: Chicken breast parmesan on w/w, chickpea salad, mixed fruit.

Wed., July 18th: Turkey, stuffing, gravy, fresh squash, cranberry cake.

Thurs., July 19th: Cream of broccoli soup, ham salad sandwich w/lettuce & tomato, potato salad, brownie.

Fri., July 20th: Tuna-stuffed tomato, pasta salad, pineapple.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Want to surprise your friends, family members, or co-workers when they turn a "certain age"? Then be sure to put a "Birthday Ad" in The Agawam Advertiser News....

"Fun-raiser" for Anthony Cone slated for July 15th

"You know what? I am the luckiest boy in the world..." These are not exactly the words you'd expect a wheelchair-bound, nine year-old to utter.

But this is exactly what nine year-old Anthony Cone, son of Elizabeth & Robbie Cone of Smyrna Street, West Springfield, recently exclaimed. To Anthony, life is good.

Anthony is a student at the Tatham School, and the grandson of Bruce & Nan Cone (formally of Agawam) and the late Rita & Victor Ferrarini, all of West Springfield. Anthony has a sister, Elizabeth, and two brothers, Billy and Theodore. Anthony likes to play Pokemon video games and draws extinct animals.

Anthony also has Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy and has been in a wheelchair for the last two years, but he is able to count his blessings from the view of a child who thinks he is the luckiest boy in the world. He does not have to worry about falling any more; he has his wheel chair.

His chair allows him more mobility, and he now can better keep up with the children his own age when running and playing. He has a new brother whom he can hold with assistance from an adult, and has a dog he can take for walks using his wheelchair.

When you look at Anthony, you see a child afflicted with a terrible disease. This disease is very rapidly robbing him of his life ... and it is winning.

His family has watched him progress from a young boy running with other children to someone now completely bound to his wheelchair. Each day, the disease takes just a little more of his freedom.

Anthony needs a handicap van and modifications to his home. To help defray the cost of these, Anthony's family and friends are holding a "fun-raiser." The event will be held for Anthony on **Sunday July 15, 2001** starting at **1:00 p.m.** at the **West Springfield/Agawam Elks** on Morgan Road in West Springfield.

Dave Madsen will be the honorary chairman, and there will be an auction, raffles, door prizes, food, and games. There will be a bounce house, face painting, clowns, and a fire engine to make this a fun-filled event for the entire family.

All proceeds raised by this event will be used solely to purchase a wheelchair van and to renovate Anthony's home to be handicap-accessible.

With your help, we can be sure that Anthony still says, **"You know what? I am the luckiest boy in the world!"**

If you would like more information you can call: Bruce Cone, (413) 731-5508; Mike Ferrarini, (413) 746-1641; Rose Dillon, (413) 526-0957; or Nancy Anderson, (413) 538-7224.

Event tickets can be purchased at the West Springfield Credit Union in West Springfield Town Hall, 26 Central Street, West Springfield.

The cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years of age.

If you would rather send for your tickets by mail, all checks should be made out to "Cone/Ferrarini Fundraiser" and sent to P.O. Box 227, West Springfield, MA 01090-0227.



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Answer: Not at all! I was explaining that *sunglasses* are like sunscreen for your eyes. Unprotected eyes can take on some serious damage with too much sun exposure. From temporary sun blindness to permanent retinal damage, it is important to protect your eyes all the time, regardless of what season we are in.

Sunglasses are gaining popularity as an essential part of keeping eyes healthy and safe from the sun, as well as making a fashion statement. No one is exempt from the risk of eye damage, so even young children should wear protective sunglasses. It is important to shop for a pair that has a label indicating 99 to 100 percent UV (ultraviolet) protection.

Shades that do not provide adequate UV protection can actually do more harm than good. They can trick the pupil into expanding to let in more light without filtering the damaging rays out.

Your skin can get sunburned on a cloudy day, so remember that the eyes can also be damaged by the ultraviolet radiation when it is overcast.

The reflection off the water at the beach or off the snow in the mountains can magnify the damaging effect to the eyes, while prolonged exposure to the sun can increase the risk of lasting effects (including cataracts, retinal damage, and sunburn to the eyes [photokeratitis]). Minor effects from overexposure can show up as fine lines to deep-furrowed wrinkles around the eyes and temporary headaches.

Those of you who are fair-skinned or light-eyed, as well as those who have had cataract surgery, are at higher risk of damage.

My sources from LensCrafters explain that "modern lens technology allows for optimum protection with minimal vision distortion. Options such as polarization, mirrored coating, lightweight and impact-resistant lenses can be combined to customize a pair of sunglasses for just about any activity or situation - golfing, water-skiing, running, and more. LensCrafters' Featherwates AccuDrivers, for example, are specially designed for driving.

Increased color contrast allows wearers to see sharper, clearer images in the sun, fog, or haze. Lenses are lightweight and impact-resistant to decrease the likelihood of shattering in case of an accident."

If you don't protect your eyes from the sun, it will catch up to you sooner or later. UV rays have a cumulative effect on vision and, over time, will cause lasting damage to your eyes. So, make it a family effort to add that last important accessory, and see you in the sun!

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Representing the Hampden District...

Officers installed from American Legion Auxiliaries

Carolyn Baranowski, the new Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary, recently had the honor of installing the officers of the Hampden District at a meeting held at her Unit #275 in Chicopee Falls. The officers installed were:

Director, Jennifer Putnam of Chicopee Falls Unit #275; Senior Vice-President, Mary Ellen Morissette of Agawam Unit #185; Junior Vice-President, Bonnie Sladeski of Holyoke Unit #451; Secretary, Peg Kachon of Springfield Unit #430; Treasurer, Jacqueline LaRoche of Aldenville Unit #337; Chaplain, Lea Morin of Southwick Unit #338; and Sgt.-at-Arms, Ann Johnson, also of Unit #338.

Executive Board: Mary Magiera of Springfield Unit #430, Eleanor "Rusty" Crowley of Southwick Unit #338, Grace Blackwell of Springfield Unit #289, Susan Hayden of Agawam Unit #185, and Valerie Mack of Holyoke Unit #351. (Three officers were absent and will be installed at a later date.)

Scholarships were awarded at this meeting. Joyce Chretien, District Scholarship Chairman, announced the following winners:

Michael A. Breor from Chicopee; Nicole Verenita Lasky from Chester; Jennifer Lynn Grenger from West Springfield; Julie Ann Mercier from Westfield; and Aaron Denowitz, Anthony M. DeSimone, Amy Elizabeth Egerton, and Jennifer Lynn Granger, all from Southwick. The recipients in attendance expressed their appreciation.

The next meeting of the Hampden District will be held on September 16th at the post home of Chicopee Falls Unit #275.

Tegan M. Christy & Jeffrey A. Kimball united in marriage

Tegan Marie Christy of Agawam and Jeffrey Alan Kimball of East Longmeadow were united in matrimony on Saturday, May 12, 2001, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield. Father Richard Scioli, pastor, performed the 5:15 p.m. ceremony, and a reception followed at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The parents of the bride are George & Marlene Christy of Agawam. The parents of the bridegroom are Perry & Christine Kimball (father and stepmother) of East Longmeadow, and Susan O'Donnell (mother), also of East Longmeadow.

Kimberly Christy served her sister as the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Kelly Allen, Erica Venderhoof, Mikaela Christy, Becky Trubenis, Kerri Caritj, Andrea Parent, and Sherri Robertson.

Eugene Shaw, brother of the groom, was the best man. The ushers included Patrick Jubb, Justin Allen, Joe Paschetto, Mark Auger, Albert Gagliarducci, Dave LeBlanc, and Dino Graziano.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, and a 1993 graduate of the Whitman Academy of Hair Design. She is presently employed as a cosmetologist in Enfield, CT.



MR. & MRS. JEFFREY KIMBALL

The groom graduated from East Longmeadow High School in 1992, and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1996. He is an engineer at FM Global in West Glocester, Rhode Island.

Following a Caribbean cruise and a trip to DisneyWorld for their honeymoon, the couple now resides in South Hadley, MA.

Erik A. Williams arrives for duty in Arizona

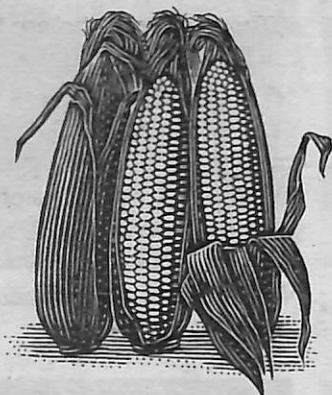
Army Spec. Erik A. Williams has arrived for duty at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

Williams is an ambulance crew specialist assigned to the Health Clinic.

He is the son of Barbara A. & Ray C. Williams of 56 Elm Street, Agawam.

The specialist is a 1993 graduate of Twain High School, West Springfield.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!



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Introduction by Dr. Paolo Scudo and Attorney Gian Franco Tessione.



Introductory comments to the delegation by Mayor Italo Falcomata'.



Presentation of Sister City Logo to Mayor Falcomata'.



Reggio Officials at the Presentation.



Bill Euliano receives the Key To The City Of Reggio.



Sister City Commissioners at the Presentation



Bill Euliano reviewing Commemorative Plaque from Reggio Mayor.



Tarantella Dancers entertain the group.



Lunch at Hotel Miramare - Euliano, Willis and Negrucchi's.



Boardwalk Lungo Mare at Reggio.



The Letendre clan at the Excelsior Hotel.



Reggio beach and waterfront.



The fishing village of Chianalea.



The Scila Church & Castle.



Scott, Terri and Ed Letendre at Locri Archeological Museum.



Rita Durcharme, Marlene Yacovone, Maureen Scibelli & Carmela Marzano at Locri Archeological Museum



Joe Tangocci under archway at Gerace.



Ionian Sea viewed from top of Gerace



Anne Sarno & Rose Pepper at ruins of Pompeii



Monte Catini ALto overlooking hills of Tuscany.



The Colosseum of Rome.



Interior of the Colosseum.



Joanne Willis, Bill Euliano, John Balboni, Sue Eulaino, Cindy and John Negrucchi at the Vatican Papal Audience.



Papal Mass and Blessing at St. Peter's Basilica.



Leaning Tower of Pisa & the Duomo.



Ponte Vecchio and Arno River, Florence.



Cathedral of Santa Maria dei Fiori, Florence.



San Gimignano view from City Hall Tower.



Brian DeNardo, Andrea Davis, Sarah Bonini and Steve Freeman at San Gimignano town well.



CHRISTOPHER SANCHEZ & DEBORAH BRUNO

Deborah R. Bruno engaged to wed Christopher Sanchez

Deborah Rose Bruno and Christopher Napoleon Sanchez, both of Feeding Hills, have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Elizabeth Bruno of Springfield and Frank Bruno of Chicopee. The future bridegroom is the son of Dorothy & Dr. Napoleon N. Sanchez of Westfield.

The future bride is a graduate of the former Classical High School in Springfield, and she received a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She also graduated from Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing in Springfield and received a bachelor of science degree in nursing at American International College in Springfield. She is a registered nurse with Hartford Hospital.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Agawam High School and is a Marine Corps veteran of the Persian Gulf War. He also graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy and currently attends Curry College. He is employed as a trooper with the State Police.

An August wedding is planned.

Face painting artist at Agawam Library

Face-painting artist Sandy Cripps will be at the Agawam Public Library on Cooper Street to decorate the faces (or hands) of kids who are enrolled in the library's summer reading program.

Dates and times: Tuesday, July 17th, 24th, and 31st, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday, July 18th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and Thursday, July 26th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Evan & Stacie Humphries announce birth of daughter

A daughter, Alexandra Marie, was born to Evan & Stacie Humphries of Springfield, MA, on Wednesday, July 4, 2001.

She was born at Wesson Women's at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Time of birth was 6:55 a.m. The baby weighed in at seven pounds, 8.4 ounces, and was 19.5 inches in length.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Kinney, Jr. of Bennington; Vermont. The paternal grandparents are Mrs. Pauline Humphries of Agawam, and the late Mr. Owen J. Humphries, Sr.

Airman Michael J. Gauthier graduates

Air Force Airman Michael J. Gauthier has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Sarah Gauthier of 994 North Street Extension, Feeding Hills, and Richard Gauthier of 1330 Ware Road, Palmer.

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Church News

Weekly calendar of activities and events at All Saints Parish

*St. Anthony of Padua Church * St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church*

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Rectory: (413) 786-4451.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa; Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa (Communion Service - no Mass); Thursday, 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa; Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony; Saturday, 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa; Sunday, 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa; Holy Day Vigil, 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony; Holy Day, 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa; Rosary, one half-hour before daily Mass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs., July 12th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5, and Matthew 10:7-15. Mass offered for the people of All Saints Parish.

Fri., July 13th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Mass offered for the return of good health to Gertrude Spagnoli. Daily Bible reading: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30, and Matthew 10:16-23.

Sat., July 14th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Daily Bible reading: Genesis 49:29-33, 50:15-24, and Matthew 10:24-33. Mass offered in memory of Mario DeLucchi; 4:30 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, and Luke 10:25-37. Mass offered in memory of Dante & Allen Pilegi.

Sun., July 15th: 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Mass offered in memory of Josephine Lango. Daily Bible reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, and Luke 10:25-37. Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week at St. Anthony's in memory of the deceased members of the Bouchard family. The Altar Bread and Wine this week is offered in memory of Rosalie Cotter; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Mass offered for the living and deceased members of the Women's Guild. Sanctuary Candle is lighted this week in memory of Edith Bongiovanni. The Altar Bread and Wine this week is offered in memory of Robert Dionne; 2:00 p.m., Mass of Anointing at St. Anthony Church.

Mon., July 16th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Exodus 1:8-14, 22, and Matthew 10:34-11:1. Mass is offered in memory of Gabrielle Stolze; 6:00 p.m., NO Choir rehearsal for 8:30 and 11:00 Chords.

Tues., July 17th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Mass offered in memory of Bob Baj. Daily Bible reading:

Exodus 2:1-15 and Matthew 10:20-24; 11:00 a.m., Special "Teaching Mass" celebrated at St. Anthony Church, grades 1 through 3.

Wed., July 18th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Communion Service (NO MASS). Daily Bible reading: Exodus 3:1-16, 9-12, and Matthew 11:25-27.

Thurs., July 19th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Mass offered for a Special Intention. Daily Bible reading: Exodus 3:11-20 and Matthew 11:28-30.

MASS OF ANOINTING

On Sunday, July 15th, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a "Mass of Anointing" at St. Anthony Church. Celebrating this Mass will be Father William C. Rousseau with Father J. Victor Carrier, Concelebrant. Mass, prayers, and anointing will be offered for the healing of mind, body, and spirit.

If you have any special needs or are in a wheelchair and will need assistance, please call the rectory at 786-4451. Refreshments to follow the Mass.

CHILDREN'S TEACHING MASS

On Tuesday, July 17th, a special "Teaching Mass" will be celebrated at St. Anthony Church at 11:00 a.m. for the children in grades one through three. All parts of the Mass and the vestments and vessels used will be explained as the Mass unfolds. Lunch will follow (hot dogs, potato chips, juice, and brownies).

On Tuesday, July 24th, a special "Teaching Mass" will be celebrated for the children in grades four through six at St. Anthony Church at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow (hot dogs, potato chips, juice, and brownies).

For the purchasing of lunch supplies, please call Father Bill at 786-4451 if you plan to attend either session. Students from other parishes are welcome.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Agawam Lions Club and All Saints Parish invite you to join us for our first adventure into breakfast on Sunday, September 9th, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, muffins, tea, coffee, and juice in our Parish Hall. The cost is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for children under 12 years of age.

Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of August 11th-12th. Tickets will also be available at the door the morning of the breakfast.

This is "Grandparents' Day" - treat them to breakfast!

News & notes from F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship will continue at 9:30 a.m. for the summer.

Lector for this week is Connie Haynes. Children are invited to attend worship with adults, and they will leave at a designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

On the calendar:

Sun., July 15th: Worship at 9:30 a.m.; Church of Redemption at 12:00 noon.

Mon., July 16th: Worship Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Tues., July 17th: A.A. at 7:00 p.m.; LLMD at 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., July 19th: Newsletter deadline; A.A. at 7:00 p.m.; Church of Redemption at 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., July 12th through Tues., July 17th: UCC General Synod 23, Kansas City, Missouri (Reverend Donaldson is a Mass. Conference Delegate); Creative Memories, 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Communion Service at All Saints Parish

All Saints Parish is now holding a Communion Service on Wednesday mornings with the Celebration of the Word, Prayer and distribution of Communion (consecrated on Tuesday).

There will no longer be a daily Mass on Wednesday. When the Vigil of a Holy Day of Obligation falls on Wednesday, we will have our scheduled 6:00 p.m. Mass. at St. Anthony Church.

When a Holy Day falls on Wednesday, we will have our scheduled 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses at St. Theresa Church. Even though Mass will not be celebrated on most Wednesdays, it will this way be possible for our parish families to receive Communion every day.

Vacation Bible School coming to Agawam Congregational

We are boarding the big red trolley and visiting many places on the "Way To Go! Good Neighbor Tours." All children are welcome.

On the "Way To Go! Good Neighbor Tours," children will meet Old Testament and New Testament people who became neighbors and understood that the "Way To Go!" was to love God and their neighbor as themselves and to be neighbors themselves.

We want all children to join us for "Way To God!" stories, songs, games, crafts, and fun!

Daily tours will be at Agawam Congregational Church from July 23rd through July 27th, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. There is a cost of \$5 for the first child in a family; every child after that is \$2. (A family of three is \$9.)

For more information, call the church office at 786-7111 or Suanne at 786-6660.

Dear Lord,
So far today I've done alright.
I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper. I
haven't been greedy, grumpy or nasty. I
haven't been selfish, or self indulgent.
But, in a few minutes I'm going to get out
of bed. And from then on, I'm probably
going to need a lot more help!

Amen

Announcements from Agawam Congregational

The mission statement of Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street) is:

A church where the Holy Spirit is alive, uniting people with Christ through ... transforming ministries, vibrant worship, diligent study and warm fellowship.

This Sunday, July 15th, at 9:30 a.m., our very own Warren Parker will be speaking on "It's Payback Time - For Some, Not For All!" There is childcare available during the a.m. service for infants and toddlers.

Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are also members of the Order of St. Luke and are always available for prayer after the service.

THIS COMING WEEK...

Monday, 4:00 p.m.: Loaves & Fishes.

Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.: Men are invited to join the "Men's Prayer Time," which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning. We read from the devotional guide *Upper Room* for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship. This is a great time for men to come together and be strengthened.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.: Healing & Prayer Service.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, July 15th & 22nd: There will be a quick meeting after church for those who have signed up to help with Vacation Bible School.

Sunday, July 22nd: "Men's Ministry." The men will be having a cookout at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Gerry Desroches to organize a Men's Ministry at the church.

Friday & Saturday, July 27th & 28th: New England Men's Conference, Civic Center, Providence, RI. (Call the church at 786-7111 for more information or see Rev. Earl.)

Wednesday, August 8th, 7:00 p.m.: Order of St. Luke's Healing Ecumenical Service - "Christ Heals Today." At Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. (For further information, please call 786-7111.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Way To Go! Good Neighbor Tours": These will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church July 23rd through July 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Come on board for the Good Neighbor Tours. For information, please call the church office at 786-7111.

We are now taking sign-ups. There will be a \$5 fee for the first child in each family and \$2 for each additional child. See Suanne Hansen or call the church office at 786-7111.

We will be departing daily at the Agawam Congregational Church from July 23rd through July 27th. Board the big red trolley and travel daily to adventures where children will meet people from the Old and New Testaments who became unexpected neighbors.

These people understood that the "Way To Go!" is to love God and their neighbor as themselves, and to become a neighbor by helping, sharing, inviting, giving, and telling the good news of Jesus Christ.

"Way To Go!" stories, songs, games, crafts, and fun will help your child know the "Way To Go!" to love God and make a positive difference in the world around them.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, you may call the church office at 786-7111. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Events at Lighthouse Christian Center in Feeding Hills

The Lighthouse Christian Center is located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The telephone number is 821-0937.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Intercessory Prayer - Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.;
Worship - Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.; Men's Prayer - Friday morning at 6:00 a.m.; Harp & Bowl - Worship and Intercessory Prayer every Saturday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S CONNECTIONS

Our next Women's Connections Fellowship will be held on August 13th. The speaker will be Barbara LaChance from the Connecticut House of Prayer.

A Weekly Bible Study started on Wednesday, June 20th, at 9:30 a.m. Participants' study books ("Breaking Free" by Beth Moore) should have been purchased by that date.

ECUMENICAL HEALING SERVICE

Wednesday, August 8th, 7:00 p.m.: Order of St. Luke's Healing Ecumenical Service - "Christ Heals Today." At Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. (For further information, please call 786-7111.)

WOUNDED HEART

This support group for survivors of sexual abuse will begin in September. For more information, please call the church office at 821-0937.

CROSSROADS COUNSELING CENTER

Are you seeking Biblically-based, Holy Spirit-led counsel? If so, call 821-0937.

St. David's Church to host Vacation Bible School

St. David's Church will be hosting "JESUS TO THE RESCUE," a Vacation Bible School. This year's summertime "school" will begin August 13th and run through August 17th.

The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on each day of the school, and it will take place at St. David's, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Children three years-old to those entering sixth grade are invited to rally to the alarm, go above and beyond the call of duty, and join Jesus' Rescue Team!

Through the telling of Old and New Testament bible stories, learning songs, games, crafts, snacks, and prayers, children come to learn about some of the Bible's most daring real-life rescues.

Cost is \$5 per child or \$12 per family. Registration forms are available at the church.

For more information about this exciting event, please call the church office at (413) 786-6133, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Weekly news at St. John's Church in Agawam

Religious Education News: Now is the time to register for our Rel. Education Programs for grades 1-11, 2001-2002. July fee - \$25 p/s; \$55 max; August fee - \$30 p/s; \$65 max. Forms are now available at the Parish Center. Your early registration is appreciated.

Have You Made Out Your Will Yet? Every now and then, we like to remind everyone about the value in making a Will. This is called "Estate Planning," and helps each of us make sure we have not complicated the lives of those we leave behind by neglecting this very simple process. Not just rich people or older people need Wills. If you do not make the legal decisions, the state will step in to do so. Parents of minor children should choose their children's legal guardians. Again, without a Will, the state will make these decisions. A Will is easy and inexpensive. Get some good advice and take this step now.

Adoptions: The Adoption Resource Center at Brightside has free orientation on the last Wednesday of every month. Call 827-4256.

Agawam Catholic Singles Club: This group consists of adult singles who are separated, widowed, divorced, or never married. **July 21st:** Magic Wings Trip. Contact Kurt, 569-3153. **August 11th:** Peter Pan Boat Cruise. Contact Susan, 789-3317. For info., call JoAnn at 786-0774 or John at 786-2273.

Parish Website: www.stjohnnevanglistchurch.org. We are open to suggestions to improve our Website

There is no Summer Vacation for Mass. No matter where you go, a Catholic Church is not too far away. Call 1-800-MASSTIMES to find the closest one to you.

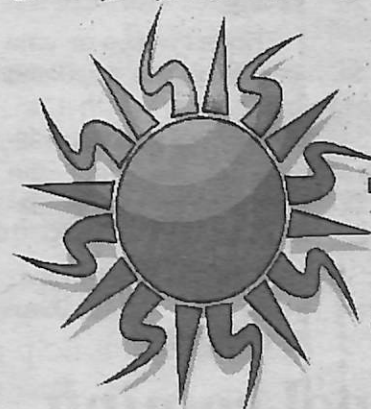
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God cares how we treat each other

There are some people who think that Christianity is all about "pie in the sky" sort of stuff. Others think that because they can't see God, God can't see them. Both types of people tend to minimize the impact of religion on day to day living. However, we would do well to realize that in more than half of the Ten Commandments, God instructs us how to get along with each other.

In Jesus' day, there were some people who thought that if they attended religious services with some frequency and followed other religious observances, how they treated other people wouldn't matter to God. Jesus challenged that assumption in the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

An expert in the Law of Moses stood up and asked Jesus a question to see what He would say. "Teacher" he asked, "what must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus answered, "What is written in the Scriptures? How do you understand them?" The man replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind.' They also say, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Jesus said, "You have given the right answer. If you do this, you will have eternal life."

One can easily imagine how pleased this man was with himself. He had not only given the correct answer, he had done so on the first try! *But the man wanted to justify himself. So he asked Jesus, "Who are my neighbors?"* Perhaps the man was hoping Jesus would give him a very narrow definition of what He meant by the term "neighbor," something which wouldn't stretch him too much. If that was the case, the man was about to become very disappointed.

Jesus replied: "As a man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho, robbers attacked him and grabbed everything he had. They beat him up and ran off, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road. But when he saw the man, he walked by on the other side. Later a temple helper came to the same place. But when he saw the man who had been beaten up, he also

went by on the other side.

"A man from Samaria then came traveling along that road. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him and went over to him. He treated his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put him on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next morning he gave the innkeeper two silver coins and said, 'Please take care of the man. If you spend more than this on him, I will pay you when I return.'" Then Jesus asked, "Which of these three people was a real neighbor to the man who was beaten up by robbers?"

The answer was painfully obvious. Jesus' question almost did not need to be answered. Obviously, the religious people in the story had struck out. *The teacher answered, "The one who showed pity." Jesus said, "Go and do the same."*

It is a matter of history that there was, during the days of Jesus, a lot of animosity between the Jewish people and the Samaritans. It would be fair to say that the two groups hated each other. It may be that the teacher of the Law of Moses couldn't bring himself to say a kind word about a Samaritan person, so he described him by his action rather than by his nationality.

When people think about this parable, they most often focus on the poor man who got himself beaten within an inch of his life. We tend to think this is a story about showing mercy to people in distress. But it may be that such thinking misses the point which Jesus was trying to make.

It appears that even though much of the volume, or quantity, of Jesus' story focuses on the robbery victim, it would help us to recall what the question was in the first place. The teacher of the Law of Moses had asked, *"Who is my neighbor?"* That is the question Jesus answered.

The neighbor in Jesus' story was the person who saw beyond national, or cultural, or racial differences and saw a person through, for lack of a better term, the eyes of God. The neighbor was the one who appreciated the fact that each and every last one of us is made in the image of God, and that God wants us to see each other that way. In other words, the neighbor was the person who realized that God cares how we treat each other.

St. John's Parish developing "Friendly Visitors" program

For the past year, the Parish Council of St. John's has been developing a "Friendly Visitors" program to call on "shut-ins." Through the efforts of Paula Raiche, 14 volunteers have been calling at Heritage Hall with the cooperation and under the direction of Heritage Hall's coordinator.

The purpose of the program is to bring cheer to individuals who have no one to call on them. Visitors are not limited to calling only on St. John's parishioners, and the need for more help has become obvious.

Do you have an hour or even a half hour to spare each week, or every two weeks, to bring cheer to those who have no one? All that is required is a commitment to make regular, timed calls on those who are all alone.

To help others as you would like to be helped, please call Paula Raiche at 789-0244.

Bethany Church offers clothing to the needy

Bethany Assembly of God, located at Route 57 and Main Street, invites individuals and families who are in need of clothing to visit the church on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Carole and Ron DeMatteo, who manage the free service of community outreach, said the small but busy facility also offers other donated items such as bedding, shoes, toys, and games.

The DeMatteos also said clean clothes of all styles and sizes may be brought to the church during regular hours.

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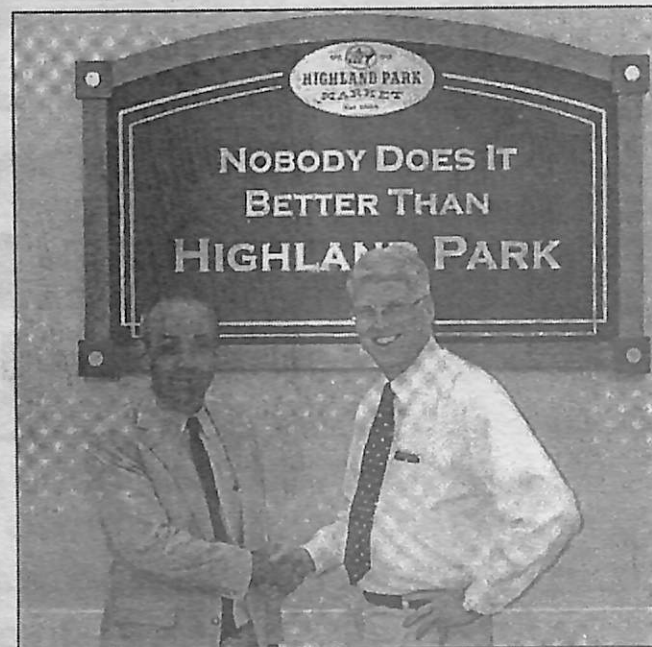
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The "good news" from First Baptist Church in Agawam

The First Baptist Church of Agawam is located at 760 Main St., Agawam.

Our telephone number is (413) 786-7300, and our e-mail address is FirstBaptistAgwm@aol.com.

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We invite you to come and join us at the First Baptist Church of Agawam on Sunday, July 15th, at 9:30 a.m. for our morning service.

Children are invited to attend the worship service with adults.

Following the Children's Story, they leave the Sanctuary to attend Children's Church (a fellowship activity for children ages four through the fourth grade) and the younger children are encouraged to go to the Nursery for crafts, games, and toys. Nursery care is available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Visitors are always welcome at our worship services and are encouraged to stay following the service for coffee and conversation in Davis Hall.

Following this time of fellowship, we offer Sunday School classes for adults and children. The Sunday School classes are for children who are in preschool all the way through and up to adults.

During summer months, there will be special musical selections played during the service, and guest soloists will be invited to entertain the congregation on selected Sundays.

We will keep you informed as to when the guest soloists are scheduled to appear.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Sunday, July 15th: Edmund Guerard will be our guest speaker.

Ed is presently the Associate Executive Minister to TABCOM. Ed has spoken at our church many times in the past, when he was the Director of Camping and Conferencing.

Please plan to attend our morning worship service on July 15th to share the experience of worship with our congregation and to hear Ed's message.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Best local news with us...

Calendar of activities from Faith Bible Church

Our next Women's Breakfast will be held on July 21st at 9:00 a.m. All women are invited, as this promises to be as fun-filled as usual.

All children between the ages of three and nine that are interested in taking a Creative Dance and Ballet class are invited to attend our registration on July 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the church at 370 Shoemaker Lane.

A donation of \$15 will be welcome, but please don't hesitate to sign up if the donation is a problem.

Information and times will be available at the sign-up night.

On July 26th, our teens will be taking a day trip to Block Island.

Their group leader, Mike Smith, always plans these wonderful trips that the teens enjoy so much and have a great time together.

It's such a blessing to have adults take interest in keeping our teens busy and spending time with them either at the church, at concerts, or at outings such as this one.

We can't thank Mike and Danielle Smith enough for their time and effort with these teens.

Beach Day at Misquamicut is July 28th for the families.

Information can be received by reaching Sandy Garguillo.

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Crafters wanted for November fair at Sacred Heart

The Agawam Lioness Club is looking for crafters for its Holiday Craft Fair scheduled for November 9th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and November 10th from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The fair will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Springfield St. in Feeding Hills.

For more information, call Rose at 786-0177 after 7:00 p.m.

"Tough Love" program in Westfield

You are invited to "Tough Love," a self-help program for parents troubled by their kid's behavior to be presented on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield.

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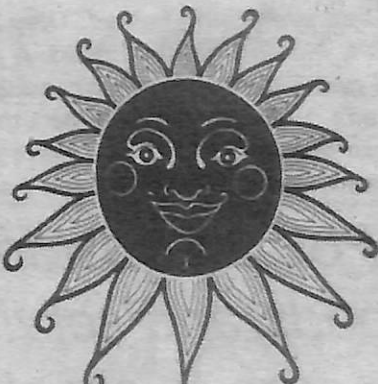
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Pentz will help clients and customers in the Greater Springfield area. She has a degree in geography and regional planning, and attended the law school at Western New England College. In the past, she has been on the Planning Board for the Town of Southwick and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

"The experience gained from these endeavors gives me a framework for my real estate career," said Pentz. "I bring an understanding of community and organization to this new career. My past managerial experience helps with time management and will be beneficial in my work with both buyers and sellers."

As an associate with ERA Real Estate, Pentz will have a variety of specialized services to offer her customers, including: home warranty, a guaranteed sale program (We Will Sell Your Home, or ERA Will Buy It), discount coupons, virtual tours, ERA Mortgage services, and more. Pentz will use these services to better assist both buyers and sellers, and provide the best service available in the real estate field.

To reach Pentz, call the office at 562-7681 or e-mail her at lisa.pentz@era.com. ERA Classics Real Estate is an independently owned franchise member of ERA Real Estate.

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Agawam Chamber Golf Social set for September 20th at St. Anne Country Club

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Nine-Hole Golf Social on September 20th at St. Anne Country Club in Feeding Hills.

According to Richard Blomstrom, Golf Committee Chairman, last year's event was a success, as it featured twice as many golfers as the previous year. "This is a good way for people to promote themselves

and their businesses, and have a good time in the process," he said.

The cost per golfer is \$25, which includes cart, greens, fees, refreshments, and prizes.

For additional information on the Social, contact Chamber Senior Vice-President Deborah Boronski at 755-1309.

Toastmasters meet at Country Estates

Are you fearful of speaking in public? Are you looking to improve your "presentation skills"?

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Finding the right real estate agent...

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Savvy customers know that they have a right to interview agents to see how they will find and negotiate the sale of a home for them. With the variety of services that agents offer and the varying levels of education that agents can go through, the selection of agents can be immeasurable.

As a buyer, it is important to first seek out the services of an Exclusive Buyer's Agent. This type of agent varies from other agents in the sense that they represent you in the real estate process, not the seller. Oftentimes, a buyer will call the agent listed on a "For Sale" sign outside a property, only to find out that when it comes time to negotiating your interests, that agent represents the seller.

Find out whom the agent represents. Even though most states require the agent to disclose this fact to the buyer, be on the lookout for agents that practice a form of representation call "dual agency." Dual agency is when the real estate agent does not represent the buyer or seller exclusively, and forces the agent to be neutral throughout the negotiating process. Having someone looking out for your interests and offering their expert opinion about price and the condition of a home are invaluable when you consider you are spending anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and up.

An Exclusive Buyer's Agent is contracted by you to represent your interest in the real estate process and has a moral, legal, and ethical responsibility to do so from the beginning of the home-shopping process until the closing. Most Exclusive Buyer's Agents do not charge the buyer fees for their services. This is because their commission comes from the seller, who

has already agreed to pay the Exclusive Buyer's Agent anywhere from a flat fee up to four-percent of the sales price. It is one of those strange-but-true paradoxes of real estate.

Demand experience and look for commitment on the part of the agent. The real estate industry is plagued by constant and high turnover that creates a workforce with many new agents that may not know the nuances of the processes. Two years' experience is a standard rule of thumb. Furthermore, look for commitment from an agent. Someone who works in real estate as a "side job" or part-time, may not be able to keep up with the ever-changing climate in real estate. New laws are enacted, business practices change, and the needs of today's home-buyer are constantly on the move. If an agent doesn't have the time to follow these trends, how will they be able to competently provide you with the level of service and commitment you require?

Finally, remember that the decision is yours to make. Only you will have to live with that decision because once you have closed upon the home, you will have to live in it and only you will have to make the payments.

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and President/Founder of Rose Real Estate Group, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home-buyers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to him at 846-0961 or via his e-mail at RaymondRose@aol.com.



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Legal Memo

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Sobriety test...

Even though a motorist was not advised that he could refuse to submit to field sobriety tests, evidence of the tests could be admitted against him, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled.

A district court judge had denied the motorist's motion to suppress the field sobriety test results and certified to the Appeals Court the question of whether such advice to the motorist was, indeed, necessary.

The Supreme Judicial Court answered "no," finding that the motion to suppress was properly denied.

"There is nothing in the request that the person perform these brief and simple tests that takes these cases, as a category, out of the general rule that advice as to a right to refuse is not necessary," the Court held. Further, the Court said that "disclosure of such right to refuse is not necessary for a valid consent."

This case is particularly significant because the majority of people who take the roadside field sobriety tests don't know they have a right to refuse them, and that their refusal cannot be introduced into evidence against them.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

Cafe Express - "No Lines - No Waiting Here"



SINCE OPENING THIS PAST JANUARY, Karen's Cafe Express at 299 Springfield St. (O'Brien's Corner, a few doors from CVS) continues to be a popular meeting spot in town. Karen's Cafe Express now serves light lunches, and sells coffee by the pound in a variety of flavors. Owner Karen Melloni's motto is "No Lines - No Waiting Here." In addition to steamed hot dogs, donuts, danish, large muffins, fresh fruit salads, and Karen's fabulous Biscotti, Karen also offers bread and rolls from Mercolino's Bakery. She is anticipating a new line of sodas, juices, and iced teas to go along with her iced coffee. Gifts such as travel mugs and porcelain cups are also available. Karen (right) is pictured in front of her store with counter helper Brenda Brown.

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Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

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Making your retirement years golden

If you're like many people, you probably enjoy the occasional daydream about what you'll do when you retire. These dreams often turn to concern, however, especially if you think your nest egg may not be big enough to keep you financially secure through your non-working years.

If this is the case, you're not alone. In fact, a recent study from the Consumer Federation of America shows nearly 60 percent of working Americans expect their standard of living in retirement years to be lower than it is now. To help ensure your retirement dreams match your retirement reality, consider the following tips:

Take advantage of compound interest over time. Investing as much as you can as early as you can is perhaps the most important step when planning for retirement. That's because time is the crucial ingredient of compound interest, which allows your retirement savings to grow not just on its original principal, but also on its growth in prior years. The longer you stay invested and automatically reinvest your earnings, the more dramatically compound interest can increase the value of your investment. Keep in mind, however, that an investment does not guarantee a profit and may fluctuate in value.

With compound interest, even small sums can add up over time. For example, if you put \$25 a week into an investment that earns an average of 10 percent annually, you could earn more than \$22,000 (before taxes) in just 10 years, and more than \$82,000 (before taxes) in 20 years. [This hypothetical investment is not meant to represent any specific investment or imply any guaranteed rate of return.]

Plan for a longer retirement. Thanks to healthier lifestyles and medical advances, life spans are expected to increase considerably in the next few decades. Fifty years ago, the average life expectancy of Americans was less than 65. Today, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

the average American's life expectancy is around age 76, and is expected to rise to 78 by the year 2025. So, if you plan to retire at 60, keep in mind your benefits may need to last for 20 or more years.

Supplement your retirement income with a part-time job. Because an increased span of retirement years may result in the need for additional income, you may want to consider supplementing your retirement income through part-time work. Or, as is the case with many healthy retirees, you may simply want to keep working for your own enjoyment. A potential labor shortage in future years - as baby boomers retire - will likely open up the job market for those seeking part-time, special project, and consulting work.

Don't abandon equities at retirement age. Previous wisdom suggested persons at retirement age should shift their investment portfolios from equity investments to bonds and conservative investments, such as money-market funds, certificates of deposit (CDs), and Treasury securities. In light of a longer time span in retirement, this approach may no longer be appropriate, since inflation can cut a higher proportional chunk out of low-return investments. You may be able to better weather inflation by maintaining a balanced portfolio of stocks, bonds, and cash equivalents as part of a comprehensive financial plan tailored to meet your goals.

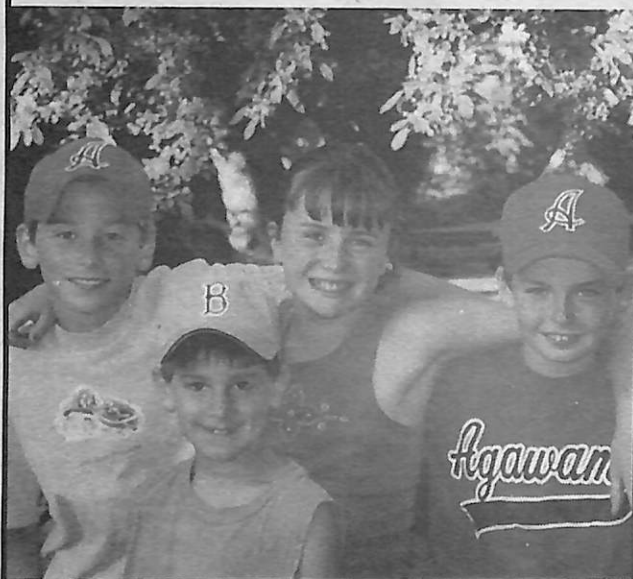
Consider long-term care insurance. According to a March 2000 study by the American Council of Life Insurers, the average annual nursing home care cost is currently more than \$44,000. With that cost expected to triple over the next 30 years (\$190,600 annually by 2030), an extended stay in a nursing home could be financially devastating in your retirement years. Long-term care insurance can help you pay for the costs of nursing home care or adult day care. The younger you are when you buy long-term care insurance, the cheaper it can be to buy coverage. Many insurance-industry experts recommend buying long-term care insurance before age 60 to lock in lower premiums. You may want to consider buying even earlier if you have concerns about potential health problems that could make you uninsurable.

Keep your expectations under control. The 2000 stock market has reminded many investors that the record-breaking bull market of the 1990s is not a guarantee. Remember, markets tend to be cyclical. Periods of stock market growth are often followed by

declines. For example, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average saw an annual gain of more than 20 percent in 1991, the following year it grew just four percent. While past performance is no guarantee of future results, you should be prepared for any dips or tumblers the market might throw your way.

Get a professional opinion. To help make sure your financial planning is comprehensive and includes appropriate investments, estate planning, protection, and is tax-smart, consider meeting with a knowledgeable financial advisor. You'll get a better idea of how close you are to your retirement dreams and can put a plan in place based on your current financial status and planned objectives.

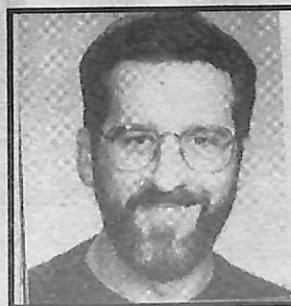
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"Life Through Stories"

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This week, I am "repeating" a story that created considerable interest when it appeared in the Advertiser News a few weeks ago. Because it received so much feedback, I've decided that it is worthy of "reprinting."

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

The scene opens with two loud screams from the floor below our second-floor bedrooms. I was 12 years-old.

We were awoken by two loud screams from my mother. They could be faintly heard through our bedroom floor. This was not an unusual experience for us kids. So, we all remained in our beds wide-eyed and anxiously alert, not knowing what was going to happen this time.

Another even louder shriek trumpeted our charge from our beds. Jeanne (16), the eldest, got to the top of the staircase landing first. She was followed by my younger brothers. John (10) - the quiet, silent one - arrived next. Denis (6), who could never do anything right, swiftly jumped out of his bed and pulled up alongside me. We all sat on the steps, fearfully listening for what might happen next.

"DANIEL!!!" my mother screamed at the top of her lungs. Daniel, the meek and sensitive one, knew how to handle everyone. I led the charge down the worn, carpeted stairs past the open sliding doors into the living room. I could hardly believe my eyes. I turned to see what I should do. All I saw was the terror on my sister's face, while my brothers covered their eyes. They might flee and run upstairs, I thought, but I must go forward.

Through the railroad-style rooms I ran, jumping over downed dining room chairs. I nearly tripped over the kitchen bench, almost causing a fatal mishap. Up I stood, between mom and dad, facing both of their faces. Mom covered her face with her hands. Dad's Budweiser-glazed eyes were filled with piercing hate.

In my father's right arm dangled my newborn brother; both were bumped up against the corner sink. In dad's left hand was the large, very sharp carving knife, pointing and pressing up against little Michael's throat. Dad's hands were shaking and uncertain. His speech was blurred and repetitive.

Mom took all this in and then reminded me of my assigned role - "get in the middle between death and death and make life live on without a scratch." "No

matter what you do," she said, "just do it quick. Do it now, so the kids can get back to bed." But most of all, "Do something now, before your brother James (14) gets home."

So, I tried talking dad down. I pleaded with him at first. Then, I cried a cry of pain that expressed everyone's pain. This must have scared dad and/or maybe even provided some necessary relief for him. Whatever the case, he slowly put down the knife on the counter.

I nervously moved in to grab the clinging, outstretched arms of little Mike, who continued to wail with fright. Jeanne came mothering (as she always did), not yet sufficiently overwhelmed to freeze up like mom. Off we all went upstairs back to our beds. Nothing was said. Sobbing tears could be heard, muffled under our protective pillows.

I didn't know what would become of mom and dad that night, but I was just glad James hadn't walked in on this. I think he would have tried to kill my father on the spot.

After a while, I think I almost fell back to sleep, when another spinetingling shriek was let out by my mother. Off my top bunk I flew, hyper-vigilant was all I knew. Dad lay on the living room rug, all curled up like a ball. Mom sat trembling in her favorite living room chair, holding her leg and gasping for air.

In came James, on cue for the kill. We both looked down at the floor, then up to the stairs. James' pot-shot eyes were enraged. He screamed at Jeanne to take the kids back upstairs. With one look at the hard, wooden handbroom on the rug and her swollen, instantly-bruised leg, he began to kick dad repeatedly, all over his curled body.

Dad just lay there, absorbing James' every blow. I ran to the phone and called 911. Then, I ran back into the living room and jumped in between them. I somehow re-directed James to mom's needs. I collapsed over dad, becoming a human shield to blanket him. I could smell dad's breath, reeking of beer. He probably didn't feel a thing (I hoped).

He was led out of the living room in handcuffs, and the rest is now all but a blur. After all, it never really happened since dad couldn't RECALL.

Your feedback is welcome. Your real-life stories are, too! Please e-mail or write me with what you would be willing to share. I will maintain your anonymity, unless you indicate otherwise. Thank you.

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NAMI of Western Mass sponsors support group in Agawam

On the last Monday of each month, a support group sponsored by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts is held at the Agawam Council On Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Groups sponsored by the NAMI-WM are facilitated by persons who have had years of experience with mental illness, either directly or as family members of an ill person. At most meetings, there will be people present who have varying degrees of experience and knowledge about mental illness. Others have only recently faced the problems created by mental illness.

The support group meetings are intended to supply emotional support and information. Discussions are honest and open, but no one is expected to talk about anything he or she would rather not discuss. *Everything said at these meetings is kept confidential.*

If you are interested in joining and would like to receive more information about the support group, please contact Lucille Drewnowski at 786-1236.

If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...

Family Life Ctr. at Mercy offers massage program

Whether a woman is anticipating the birth of a child or parenting a newborn, there's a lot of joy, excitement...and stress. But a massage program offered by the Family Life Center for Maternity at Mercy Hospital can help ease the tensions of this very special time.

Prenatal massage focuses on the changes a woman's body experiences during pregnancy. Sessions relieve stress on weight-bearing joints, alleviate neck and back pain caused by muscle imbalance, and can reduce swelling. Postpartum massage helps new mothers restore their bodies to pre-pregnancy condition while addressing the stress of carrying and caring for a newborn.

Services are provided by a nationally-certified massage therapist with specialized training in massage therapy for childbearing women. Clothed seated massage or traditional massage appointments are available in half-hour or one-hour sessions. Cost varies according to the session; gift certificates are available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department, (413) 748-7295.

Smoking cessation support group at Mercy Hospital

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

Sponsored by the Providence Hospital Tobacco Control Program, the group offers services including individual counseling, cessation groups, alternative health referrals, education and motivational support. Free nicotine patches and gum may also be available for qualified participants.

For more information, call the Tobacco Control program, (413) 493-2039 or (413) 535-1000.

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Tips regarding summer barbecue safety and food poisoning

The warmer weather is here, and your barbecue grill is getting its summertime workout once again. Whether picnicking in your backyard or at your local park, remember that proper food handling is essential since bacteria multiplies rapidly in warm weather.

To keep your picnic safe and healthy this summer, Nancy Anderson, MS, RD, LD, a registered dietitian at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, offers the following tips to help prevent food poisoning:

- * Marinate meat, poultry, fish, and seafood in the refrigerator and not on the counter, and cook it thoroughly.

- * Do not re-use the marinade; it contains juices of the raw product.

- * Avoid raw shellfish (such as clams and oysters) which may contain viruses and bacteria that cause hepatitis.

- * All perishable food should be refrigerated within one hour of being taken out of the refrigerator in warm weather; two hours in cooler weather.

- * Microwave kitchen sponges on high for 30 to 60 seconds to kill bacteria.

"While enjoying the bounty of summer at picnics and barbecues, remember another simple rule - always wash your hands while preparing and serving food," adds Diana Hitchcock, dietetic technician registered, who is the manager of Food Services at Mary Lane Hospital in Ware. "It's easy to forget when pool-side or at the park or beach, but take along a bacterial hand cleanser for times when soap and water are not readily available."

Peter Savenko of Agawam, director of Food and Nutrition Services for Baystate, offers several healthy summer barbecue recipes that are low in fat, low in polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and if cooked properly, low in salmonella-producing agents.

PAHs are linked to an increase in stomach cancer among people who consume grilled, smoked, and cured foods on a regular basis. PAHs are found in smoke created when dripping fat hits the hot coals. To reduce the risk of PAH consumption, barbecuers should:

- * Grill only lean, well-trimmed meats.

- * Partially pre-cook meats such as chicken, raw sausage, and country-style ribs, then finish the cooking process on the grill.

- * Use low-fat or non-fat marinades to baste the meats.

- * Wrap foods in foil before placing them on the grill.

- * Use a drip pan (be sure to keep the drip pan from resting directly on the coals).

- * Dampen the coals if smoke becomes too heavy.

- * Do not char or overcook foods.

Food poisoning symptoms usually begin two hours to two days after eating the tainted food.

Deborah Palmeri, RN, BSN, manager, Emergency Department of the Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, advises, "Seek medical treatment if you experience such severe vomiting that you become dehydrated. Most adults can handle one day without

nutrition, but after that, continued vomiting requires medical attention. High fever can also indicate a more serious illness."

If you have any questions about food poisoning, call the Professionals at 794-2255 or toll-free at 1-800-377-HEALTH.

GRILLED VEGETABLES

The grilled vegetables are low in fat, cholesterol-free, high in fiber, and very high in flavor, according to Savenko.

Ingredients:

1 Zucchini Squash (Washed and Cut into 1/4 in. Steaks)

1 Summer Squash (Washed and Cut into 1/4 in. Steaks)

2 Ears of Corn (Husked, Washed and split in 2)

1 Red Bell Pepper (Washed, Seeded, and Quartered)

1 Green Bell Pepper (Washed, Seeded, and Quartered)

1/2 Cup Red Wine Vinegar

1/2 Cup White Zinfandel Wine

1/4 Cup Olive Oil

2 Cloves Garlic (Chopped Fine)

1 Tsp. Sweet Basil Leaves

1/2 Tsp. Oregano

1/2 Tsp. Freshly Ground Black Pepper

Procedure:

To form the basting sauce, combine the red wine vinegar, white zinfandel wine, olive oil, chopped garlic, sweet basil leaves, oregano, and black pepper. Whisk the mixture vigorously and chill for 2 hours before use.

Turn the outside gas grill on high and allow grates to become red hot. Baste an even coat of the sauce over the vegetables and place them onto the hot grill. Cook vegetables until slightly charred on both sides and slightly limp. Pour remaining sauce over the vegetables and serve, hot or cold, at your next barbecue.

Serves:

4 Portions.

LEAN BARBECUED PORK RIBS

Savenko says that this one is so good that "you'll think you're breaking all the rules of 'Healthfulness,' but the lean pork and tangy sauce keeps you healthy and happy."

Ingredients:

2 LB Pork Loin (Trimmed and Cut 6"x2"x1" Strips)

1/2 Cup Pineapple Juice

1/2 Cup Tomato Paste

1/4 Cup Spanish Onion (Diced Fine)

1/4 Cup Maple Syrup

1/4 Cup Red Wine

1 Clove Garlic (Chopped Fine)

1 Tsp. Sweet Basil Leaves

1/2 Tsp. Black Pepper (Freshly Ground)

Procedure:

In a medium-sized bowl, combine the pineapple juice, tomato paste, diced onion, maple syrup, chopped garlic, red wine, basic, ground black pepper, and whisk vigorously to form a barbecue sauce. Place the pork strips into a shallow pan and coat evenly with barbecue sauce. Place the coated pork into the refrigerator overnight to allow for thorough marination.

Set broiler or outdoor gas grill on high heat and grill all sides of the pork strips thoroughly while basting with additional barbecue sauce. Be sure that the pork is cooked well done to prevent any foodborne illness.

Serve as a main dish at your next family barbecue.

Serves:

One Hungry Family.

SUCCULENT SWORDFISH GRILLE

According to Savenko, this dish has a rich, creamy sauce that is completely fat and cholesterol-free!

Ingredients:

2 6 oz. Swordfish Steaks

1/2 Cup Fat-Free Mayonnaise

1/2 Cup Fat-Free Sour Cream

1 Tbsp. Fresh Dill Weed (Chopped)

1 Whole Fresh Lemon

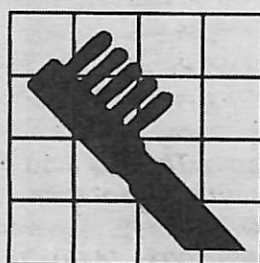
Procedure:

Combine the fat-free mayonnaise, fat-free sour cream, chopped dill weed, and juice of 1/2 lemon. Whisk the ingredients thoroughly to form the swordfish sauce. Baste a thick coat of this creamy dill sauce on all sides of the swordfish steaks and refrigerate for one hour.

Set broiler or outdoor gas grill on high heat and broil both sides of the swordfish while continuously basting with the dill sauce. Broil until done and serve with a side of dill sauce and lemon wedge. Wild rice and a mixed garden vegetable accompany the swordfish nicely.

Serves:

2 Portions.



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The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts urges Western Massachusetts residents to take action.

Radon kits are available for a discounted price of \$8 each through the local American Lung Association in Springfield.

To purchase a kit by credit card or for more information, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts at (413) 737-3506 or (800) LUNG-USA, or mail your check, payable to ALA of Western MA to 393 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

July calendar from Noble Hospital

Alcoholics Anonymous: Every Sunday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Conference Room A. Free of charge and all are welcome. Call 568-2811.

Diabetes: Tuesday, July 24th, 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A at Noble Hospital. Free of charge. No registration required.

Stroke Support Group: Second Wednesday of every month, 1:30 p.m. at the Bronson Rehab Center at Noble Hospital. Co-sponsored by Noble Hospital and Easter Seals. For more information, call Barbara Boulanger, MSW, at 568-2811, extension 5809. Free of charge.

Bereavement Group: Every Wednesday, except last Wednesday of the month. At the Bronson Music Room, Noble Hospital, at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services. For those who have lost a loved one in the last year. Call 562-7049 for further information.

Psychiatric Services at Noble Hospital: A Family Support Group, sponsored by AIM. Designed for individuals who are helping adult family members who are diagnosed with a major mental illness. No pre-registration, no charge. Drop-ins welcome. Thursdays, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. In the Partial Hospitalization Program Conference Room at Noble Hospital. For more information, call Sue O'Brien, 733-1240; Mary Benedetti, 584-1460; or Janet Vitkus, 536-4200.

Noble Sponsors Exercise Programs For Expectant and New Moms: Noble Hospital Sports and Rehabilitation Center is sponsoring two custom-designed exercise programs. The programs are under the direction of a trained therapist; one is for expectant mothers, and the second one is for new mothers. Both programs are offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the air-conditioned Sports and Rehabilitation Center, located at 76 Main Street, Westfield, in the Walgreen Plaza. Cost is \$45 for a six-week/12-session block. To register or obtain additional information, call 562-3522.

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Chiropractic family care

Chiropractic family care can start from the very beginning. While pregnant, weight gain and hormonal changes result in spinal stresses. Many expectant mothers seek chiropractic care and often report easier births.

Children can benefit, too. Oftentimes, difficult birth process may be the cause of spinal problems. Then, trauma associated with falling during the process of learning to walk, riding bicycles, and playing sports can produce spinal subluxations (derangement of one or more spinal vertebra). Ignored, these problems can worsen until they become more difficult to correct later in life.

Car accidents, work injuries, and the stress and strains of our busy lives can produce subluxations. Periodic chiropractic checkups can be helpful. Many patients report more energy, vitality, and better overall health.

Seniors enjoying an active retirement stop by our office, too. Safe and natural chiropractic care makes sense. They can see how the structure of the spine can affect the nervous system and how their body works.

Regardless of your age or condition, a better working spine and nervous system is good for your health.

Share your chiropractic experience with others by starting with those you love.

The Schlaffer chiropractic office has been providing safe, natural chiropractic care for 20-plus years here in Agawam! We are conveniently located at 192 Shoemaker Lane (next to Chez Josef). Call for an appointment - 789-1369 or 789-1073.

For mothers-to-be...

Family Life Ctr. offers exercise classes at Mercy

Expectant mothers can maintain or improve their physical fitness through exercise classes sponsored by the Family Life Center for Maternity at Mercy Hospital. Sessions meet Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Memorial House Auditorium, on the Mercy campus, 271 Carew St.

Led by professionals trained in prenatal exercise, the classes focus on gentle stretching and strengthening exercises for areas of the body most affected by pregnancy, including the muscles of the lower back, abdomen, and pelvic floor. The program is fun, providing both a workout and fellowship for women who have completed their first trimester.

For more information, call the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department, (413) 748-7295.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS' member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more. The SPHS is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems. Catholic Health East facilities serve communities in eastern states from Maine to Florida.

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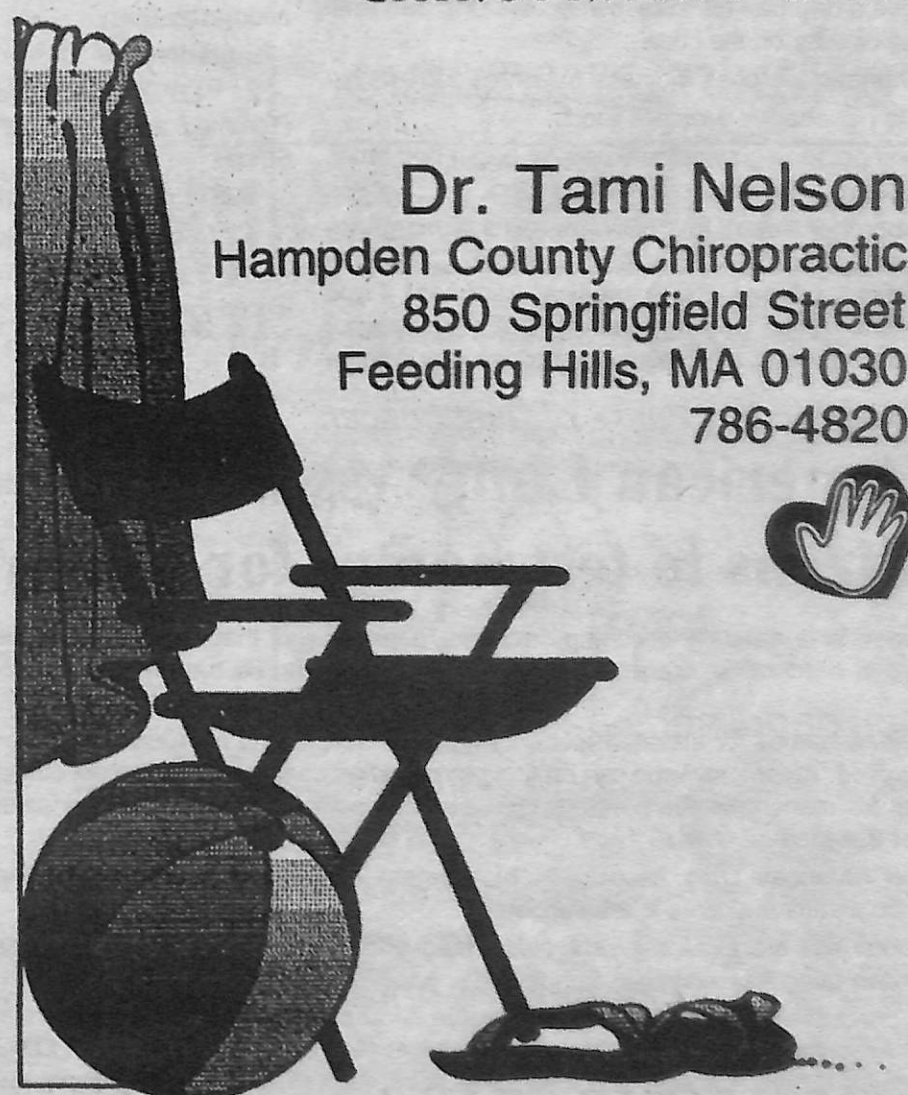
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Think "cold" this summer

Applying cold to an area of the body helps promote healing. When an injury to a joint occurs, either from sports, a fall, an accident, overuse, or wear and tear, the injury results in inflammation (swelling) to the surrounding muscle fibers, tendons, ligaments, and nerves. This creates symptoms of pain, swelling, heat, and redness.

Applying cold to the injured area will result in vasoconstriction (constricting the vascular or blood supply to the region) to help reduce the symptoms of inflammation and will help relax muscle spasm.

Applying cold during the first 24-48 hours after an injury will help reduce recovery time. We can see this in action watching sports events. When a player is injured, the first treatment applied is ice.

To apply cold:

* Wrap a cold pack in a towel during use. Some of my patients use a bag of frozen peas or corn. They say it conforms better than regular cold packs to the area.

* Apply for 10-15 minutes once an hour if a significant injury or 2-4 times per day for a mild injury.

Often headache sufferers benefit from an ice pack under the neck. This helps decrease the blood flow and reduce inflammation. Also, an ice pack on the low back at the end of a physical day helps promote healing. The weight-bearing joints, including the spine, are constantly receiving microtraumas, especially with more physical activity in the summer. Ice will help decrease the discomfort from the increased activities. So, this summer, stay cool with ice and chiropractic!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She can be reached at 786-4820.

Gam-Anon announces mtg. schedule

Gam-Anon of Longmeadow invites all family and friends of people with gambling problems to its weekly meetings. This support group encompasses all of the cities and towns in Western Massachusetts.

Compulsive gambling is a serious and debilitating addiction that affects not only the gambler, but also his or her family and friends. There is no need to suffer and struggle alone; help is available. There are steps that can be taken to improve your situation, even if the gambler will not seek help.

The Gam-Anon group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, 763 Longmeadow Street (corner of Routes 5 and 192), Longmeadow, MA. Enter through the Route 192 entrance; proceed downstairs to the meeting room.

Inquiries can be made in writing to: Gam-Anon of Longmeadow, c/o First Church of Christ, 763 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

Gamblers Anonymous also meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the First Church.

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ...
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- * Be between 18-80 years of age
 - * Have had Type 2 diabetes for at least six months
 - * Have high cholesterol (range set by pharmaceutical company)
 - * Be willing to come to scheduled visits for the duration of the study
 - * Be willing to take study medication as prescribed
- For more information and to learn if you qualify, call the diabetes research nurses at (413) 794-7232 or (413) 794-7224.

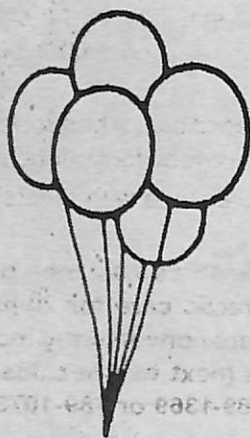
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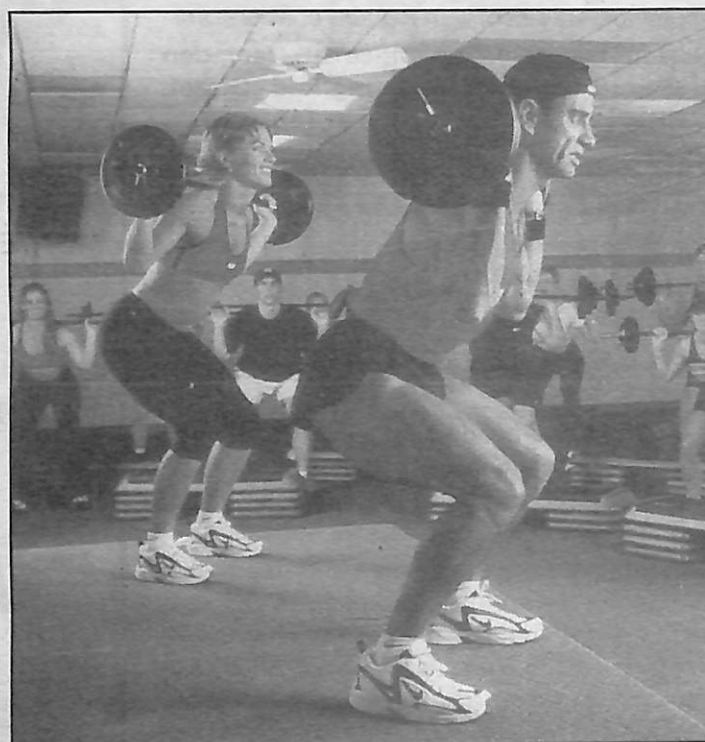
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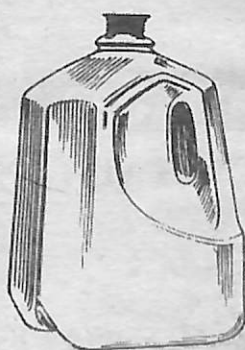
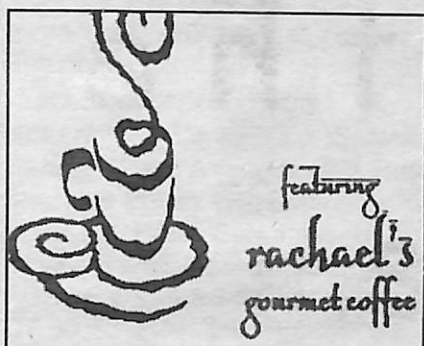
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Agawam Summer Entertainment Series now in full swing

When they think of summer, many local people think of great music and family-oriented fun at Veterans' Green at Phelps School, 699 Main Street, Agawam.

Now in its fifth year under the current format, the Agawam Summer Entertainment Series has attracted thousands from throughout western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut. The series, which is presented free of charge, is comprised of 11 nights of music, movies, and much more, and is brought to you by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club.

The summer-long event is unique in comparison with other series in nearby towns due to its scope; the diversity of musical styles and other entertainment; and the professional caliber of the performers. Funding is provided, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Agawam Rotary Club, as well as over 100 local sponsors. Additional funding has also been provided by the New England Foundation for the Arts.

Program booklets are now available around town, and additional information (including links to several band sites) can be found at www.agawamccc.org. The Cultural Council may also be reached at 785-1925.

On July 18th, Hartford-based *Tom Sanders and the Hornets* will make a return appearance to town and feature up-tempo guitar and horn-inspired blues. Thanks to Mushy's Grill and Golf for sponsoring this event.

Saturday, July 21st will feature two great bands and an outdoor movie. First up will be *All About Buford*, an up-and-coming, Boston-based a capella group. They'll be followed by one of the area's favorite horn bands, *Brass Attack*, and the great adventure flick, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (Rated PG). The night's entertainment is sponsored by the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, July 25th will feature *The New England Brass Quartet*, one of the area's finest traditional brass concert bands.

Wednesday, August 1st features long-time area favorites - the Connecticut-based *Eight To The Bar*, known for over 25 years for their great up-tempo



"WILDEST DREAMS" was one of the popular bands that entertained townsfolk in the 2000 Agawam Summer Series sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club.

swing music. The group recently returned from a week-long engagement at Disney's Pleasure Island and features former Van Morrison sax player, Colin Tilton. United Industrial Service is the night's sponsor.

On Wednesday, August 8th, the Agawam Lions Club sponsors the return of *The Memories Big Band*, a past Agawam favorite.

Saturday, August 11th features a traditional penny carnival for the kids and then a family-oriented film festival featuring current and classic cartoons and short subjects. The event is sponsored by Woronoco Bank.

The last three weeks of August will bring what's likely to be the series' most popular three shows.

On August 15th, Boston's great reggae and calypso band, *Wildest Dreams*, makes a return appear-

ance. Last year, they got everyone dancing the conga around the Green! Thanks to Westbank for the night's sponsorship.

August 22nd will be the first appearance for another great Boston band, *The Boogaloo Swamis*. The Swamis are four-time winners of the prestigious Boston Music Awards and promise to bring a little bit of Mardi Gras with them. The night is sponsored by Hampden Savings Bank.

And last but not least, Wednesday, August 29th will mark the third appearance of the masters of Motown, *Souled Out*, sponsored by Westfield Bank.

All programs start at 7:00 p.m., and are held rain or shine. In the event of rain, the shows will be held inside Phelps School or at the Agawam Middle School.

Last-minute tix for SH Band's trip to Tanglewood

There are still tickets remaining for the Sacred Heart Band-sponsored bus trip/concert to Tanglewood. The bus leaves from Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, July 15th, at 12:00 noon, and will return around 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on a fun afternoon at Tanglewood! The cost is \$33 per person, which includes the bus fare and lawn ticket.

For further details and/or to purchase a ticket(s), call Linda Lennon at 786-8338.

Ag.Community Artists to exhibit at Baystate Med. Ctr.

Agawam Community Artists will exhibit original works at Baystate Medical Center's Centennial Hall from July 14th through September 14th.

A reception will be held on July 18th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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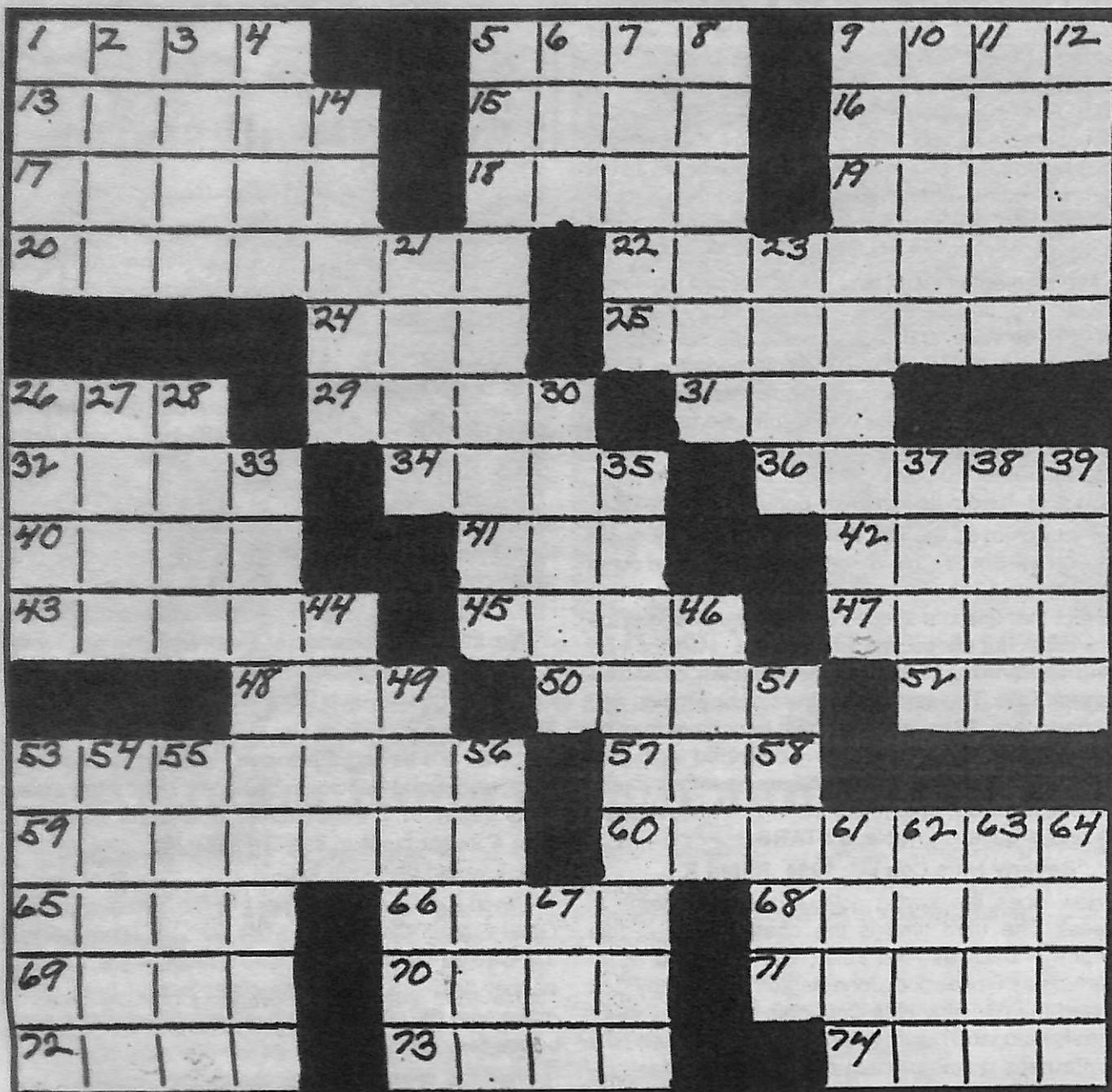
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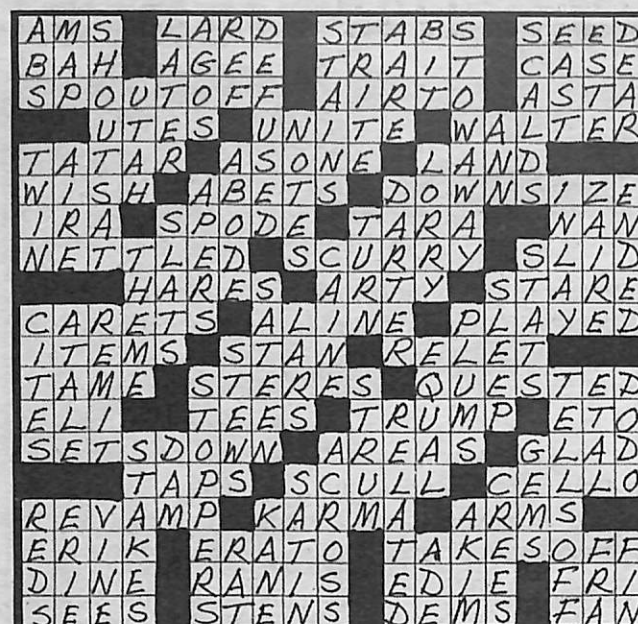
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Polish Genealogical Society's upcoming activities & events

The Great Eastern European Festival, Sunday, September 30th, 1:00-5:00 p.m. next to Memorial Hall Museum, Old Deerfield. Polish genealogy display of research. Questions and answer time. Polish food! Entertainment.

MASS-CONN-ECTION II. All-day Polish Genealogical Conference, Saturday, October 6th at General Jozef A. Haller PAV Post, Grove & Broad Sts., New Britain, CT.: Beginners' Workshop, Records in Poland, Polish Surnames, Using the U.S. National Archives. Polish lunch! \$35. Register early by mail: PGSCCT, c/o MASS-CONN, 8 Lyle Road, New Britain, CT 06053-2104. Tel.: 860-223-5596.

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"Murphy's" law???

Probably one of Eddie Murphy's most famous and recognizable roles is that of Detroit law enforcer Axel Foley in the "Beverly Hills Cop" trilogy. These films were amazingly successful vehicles for Murphy's already-blooming career. I would wager that many of you probably haven't seen these films for some time, so I am recommending them for rental. Parents be warned, however; this is adult entertainment due to violence and foul language, so please use discretion with the little ones.

* "Beverly Hills Cop": 1984. Rated R.

Eddie Murphy's Axel Foley travels to Beverly Hills in search of his friend's murderer. Once there, he launches a one-man investigation. It doesn't take long for Foley's one-man investigation to attract the Beverly Hills Police Department's attention. Enter Judge Reinhold as Detective Billy Rosewood and John Ashton as Sergeant Taggart, two cops who are tailing Foley. Director Martin Brest ("Scent Of A Woman") creates some ingenious on-screen chemistry between these three actors.

There are a couple of specific things that make this film work so well. The first is the aforementioned on-screen chemistry that is created between Foley, Rosewood, and Taggart. Obviously, the impeccable casting aids in this endeavor twofold, but the diversity between the three characters creates some hilarious moments in the film. We see Foley as the rebellious type who does things one way ... his way. Then we have Rosewood, who is nothing more than a kid at heart who is partnered with Taggart, a cop who sternly prefers to do things by-the-book. These differences are built into the fabric of each character and help create the tension in the film when the trio are forced to join forces in a common goal.

Also worth noting is the musical score which sets the pace for the picture and perfectly complements the action on-screen. Also look for Bronson Pinchot in an absolutely unforgettable role as Serge, the art gallery associate. Director Martin Brest himself even has a cameo as a hotel clerk. As a bit of trivia, Sylvester Stallone was originally slated to play the role of Axel Foley. It is difficult now to envision Stallone in that role after Murphy's energetic portrayal.

"Beverly Hills Cop" is quite the balancing act throughout the film. There are moments of high drama, great humor, and superb dialogue. With the exception of excessive foul language, this film is a wonderful example of the perfect film model that presents a conflict and resolves the plot in perfect time by film's end. There are no loose ends to be found. It turns out to be one of those films that you don't want to end ... but don't fret, there's more Axel Foley to come! **4 STARS.**

* "Beverly Hills Cop II": 1987. Rated R.

Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold, and John Ashton are back (along with other centrals from the first film) for another outing. This time, Foley is working undercover to investigate a series of heists performed by a new villain, the Alphabet Bandit, in the hopes of connecting the attempted murder of his pal, Beverly Hills Police Captain Andrew Bogomil, to the crimes. Of course, he is also reunited with Rosewood and Taggart, and their chemistry is in full force and proves to be the main highlight of this otherwise formulaic sequel.

Part of the problem with this film is continuity. At the end of the last film, Foley is booted out of town by Ronny Cox's Bogomil, who still seemed to be anything but Foley's friend. When this film opens, however, the two are planning a fishing trip! What's going on here? I suspect the new director, Tony Scott, simply wrote the two as being friends now so that Foley would have a greater interest in solving the Alphabet Crimes; otherwise, there would have been no plot here. I also have to question why is Foley yet again able to work in Beverly Hills, which is a few hundred miles from his proper jurisdiction. These minor technicalities, however, by no means destroy this film.

Whenever a sequel is made, it is hoped that the filmmakers will attempt to freshen the story with the use of some new characters and a new and original plotline while still retaining the elements that worked in the first film. Well, "Beverly Hills Cop II" does introduce new characters, including Bridgette Nielson (who delivers a fine performance in a surprise role I shouldn't reveal here). The plotline, however, doesn't bring much originality to the film. Murphy again investigates a murder/attempted murder of a friend outside of his locale; this is essentially the same plot-driving device of the first film.

The elements that worked in the first film, however, are still working perfectly. The chemistry between Foley, Rosewood, and Taggart is still effective and the dialogue is still strong. Director Scott made this film a bit more flashy through many sequences that display rapid edits and ambitious photography. Some frowned upon this technique, but I feel as though it provided an integral element of individuality to the film that helps distinguish it from its immensely popular predecessor.

If you enjoyed the first film, then I sincerely doubt that you will not like this one. Although there are some problems with the film, they are mainly attributable to the fact that this is a sequel. Obviously, nothing in life is as impactful the second time around, whether it be a trip to Paris, a ride on a roller coaster, or seeing Niagara Falls. The same holds true for any movie and its characters. Although the impact they have may be lessened, the actors here clearly delivered legitimate and believable performances and are as refreshing as was possible. So, in terms of the way all sequels go, this one is quite enjoyable. **3 STARS.**

* "Beverly Hills Cop III": 1994. Rated R.

How does the saying go? Good things come in threes? The third time is the charm? Well, Eddie Murphy is back as Axel Foley, with Reinhold again returning as Rosewood. John Ashton and Ronny Cox jumped the "Beverly Hills Cop" ship with many other centrals who didn't want to come back for a third outing. Perhaps it was a omen of some sort, foreshadowing this film series' demise.

Reputable director John Landis (Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video, "An American Werewolf in London," and "Kentucky Fried Movie") takes over the helm for this story about counterfeiting and an amusement park. Aside from the fact that I am still questioning this from the second installment, I'll ask anyway; why is Foley working in Beverly Hills again? As a film critic, these things pain me. It reminds me of the lunacy of Macauley Culkin being left home alone not once, but twice, by his parents! These things just wouldn't happen.

As I stated previously, a sequel should preserve the things that worked in the first film. Well, with John Ashton's Sergeant Taggart being written out of the story, the wonderful chemistry that I raved about in the previous two editions is gone. Reinhold and Murphy, consequently, seem to rely too heavily on each other to breathe life into their respective, now outright boring, characters. The photography in the film is good, but the sets lack any sort of creativity (which dramatically limits the photographic possibilities of the film). This is primarily due to the fact that a great majority of the film takes place in a theme park.

It is always sad to report that the magic is gone from this series, but this film proves that beyond a shadow of doubt. The villain in the picture is weak and paper thin, and nowhere near as formidable as the previous two baddies were. In fact, you may fear the clowns in the theme park more than this intended antagonist!

So, with a few exceptions, this film is a letdown. It seems that every good scene is cut down by a terrible one that follows. Consequently, the film plays much like the roller coasters that appear in the picture; high points abruptly altered by low points.

If you liked the first two, then rent this one just because it is part of the series. It won't let you down as long as you don't expect it to be the best of the three. Otherwise, if you want a sequel to "Beverly Hills Cop II," then rewind the first installment and watch it again. **2 STARS.**

* **"PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS** - Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid. Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

"The Food Dude"

by John Walters
WMAS 1450 AM



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I had a great time recently when we took my dog with us when we went out for supper. We knew it would be okay because J&R's Fish House has picnic tables on the side of the building.

We went for STEAMERS - steamed clams ... sweet, succulent clams with a side of broth, some butter, a little cole slaw, and some corn on the cob. What more could you ask for? (I know - an ice-cold Dr. Pepper!)

We had three pounds of steamers. My dog was eating the little piece of skin that you peel off the clam and some french fries. Don't laugh, poodles eat anything.

It was like having a picnic in Rockport. The clams were sweet and delicious. You could tell by the taste (very fresh). With the butter all around the clam and then a sweet burst of sea-like saltiness ... let me tell you, it would be tough to beat that.

When I do them at home, I fill the steam pot with Gallo French Columbard white wine, 3 TB of garlic, 1/4 C extra virgin olive oil, and a healthy dash of red pepper flakes. Steam those clams in that baby (just make sure the clams have been scrubbed very clean before they go in the pot).

After the clams, we took the poodle to Stan's for some soft serve. She loves vanilla; the poodle likes vanilla, too. You can't make soft serve at home without the right machine, so do like I do - just go to Stan's on Springfield St. in Agawam.

When doing clams at home, just be sure about whom you buy them from; they really need to be fresh. At your next cookout, try doing steamers for your friends. (If they don't like clams, hey, that's just more for you!)

Try seasoning the clams differently. Chop some chourice and add to the clam broth while steaming. Try adding your corn to the steam pot. Mix the clams. If you're doing steamers, why not do some mahogany clams. Count necks; they will all be tasty.

Doing the corn? Try buttering the ears and then season them. Wrap in foil and cook on the coals. Mix your butter half-and-half with margarine.

Lobsters? Buy smaller ones and add them to the steam pot. The only thing missing from your clam-bake will be the seaweed.

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Education



In left photo: Crystal Rivers received the "Charles H. Heyl Vocational/Technical Scholarship" for \$500 from former Rotary Club President Charles H. Heyl, an enthusiastic supporter of vocational/technical education. In center photo: Ryan Richardson received a \$500 scholarship from the Agawam Rotary Club. Rotarian Gina-Marie Letellier made the presentation. In right photo: Miss Letellier presented Jenna Bodurtha with a \$1,200 scholarship from the Agawam Rotary Club.

Agawam Rotary Club announces scholarships for 2001

The Agawam Rotary Club has announced the recipients of its annual scholarships. The four scholarships this year total \$3,400. The Agawam Rotary Club has three unique scholarships that serve three unique purposes.

The recipients of the two Ray McCarroll Scholarships (each in the amount of \$1,200) are Jenna Bodurtha, a graduate of Agawam High School, and Melissa Breglio, a graduate of West Springfield High School. These two individuals best exemplify Rotary's principal motto, "Service Above Self," and show leadership abilities and a desire to make a con-

tribution to their home, school, community, and country. The purpose of this award is to perpetuate the memory of Ray McCarroll, a charter member of the Agawam Rotary Club.

The student selected for the Andrew Gallano Scholarship for the Arts in the amount of \$500 is Ryan Richardson. Andrew Gallano was a lifelong resident of Agawam and a member of the Agawam Rotary Club. The purpose of this scholarship is to financially assist any individual in obtaining education related to pursuing a career in the cultural arts.

Crystal Rivers was awarded the Charles H. Heyl Vocational/Technical Scholarship in the amount of \$500. The award is presented in honor of Charles H. Heyl, a former president of the Agawam Rotary Club and an enthusiastic supporter of vocational/technical education. The purpose of the award is to financially assist an individual in obtaining an education related to a vocational/technical career, or to grant an individual the amount of the scholarship for the purpose of purchasing tools or equipment to become established in their trade.

Area students named to Dean's List at UMass

Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin has announced the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on a four-point scale.

"Providing opportunities for academic growth and achievement is one of the University's highest priorities; I am pleased to recognize those students who earned Dean's List honors," said University Chancellor David K. Scott.

"Such outstanding performance is a source of pride and credit to the entire University community."

Among the students named to the Dean's List were the following area residents:

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* From Feeding Hills -

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Storowton Village accepting summer camp applications

Registration is now underway for Early American Summer Days at Storowton Village Museum in West Springfield. Two sessions take place August 6th-10th and August 13th-17th and offer children ages seven through 12 a unique opportunity to learn about life as it was in a 19th century New England village.

Each five-day session is held at historic Storowton Village Museum on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition. Experienced staff members guide participants through a variety of activities, crafts, and games. Children also get the chance to wear period-style clothing as they indulge in activities such as milking a cow, churning butter, making ice cream, and weaving baskets.

Each day of the week will introduce a specific theme and include related activities.

Monday: "Old and New Day"; **Tuesday:** "Hands-On Day"; **Wednesday:** "Dairy Day"; **Thursday:** "Wool Day"; **Friday:** "Show-Off Day."

Other demonstrations and activities include writing with quill pens, playing hoop and sack games on the Green, and enjoying early American stories.

Registration is now underway for this popular program and space is limited. For more information about this unique opportunity, contact Storowton Village Museum at 413-787-0136.

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Andrea M. Prova named to Dean's List at Framingham

Andrea M. Prova of Agawam, a member of the class of 2003, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2001 semester at Framingham State College. She is a mathematics major at the college.

To be selected for the Dean's List, a student must earn a quality point average (QPA) of 3.25 or higher.

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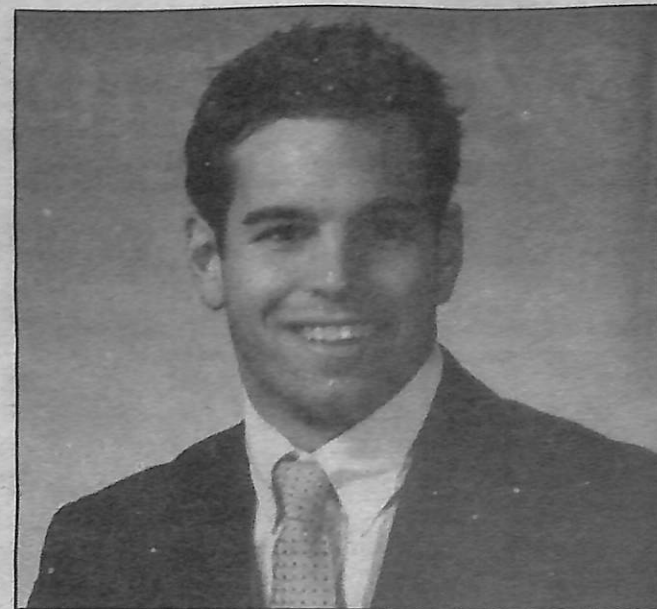
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TODD GODFREY

Todd Godfrey graduates with honors from URI

Todd Godfrey of Agawam recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor of science in business administration with a major in finance, and a minor in economics. He is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.

Godfrey, the son of John & Susan Godfrey, was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society; vice-president of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity; and general manager of the school's student-managed investment portfolio.

After completing a five-week training program for UBS Warburg in July, he will move on to their equities proprietary trading desk located in midtown Manhattan. UBS Warburg is a leading global investment bank.

Area students named to HCC's Dean's List

The administration of Holyoke Community College has named the following Agawam-area students to the Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester. Students named to the Dean's List have achieved at least a 3.2 grade point average.

From Agawam:

Paula A. Burke, Derian Esmee Capodagli, April Lee Daviau, Daniel D. Degray, Mohammad T. Faridi, Colleen M. Fenton, Jason B. Gibby, Theresa R. Grof, Brenda L. Hadden, Diane J. Hajdamowicz, Patrick B. Kelly, Rebecca Mutti, Kristina D. Porth, Thomas M. Roberts, Anthony R. Romano, Marguerite A. Sacco, Cara N. Scales, Brian D. Steinberg, Sara E. Stevenson, Marie Tanguay, and Brian J. Toole.

From Feeding Hills:

Vera Belyshev, Patricia E. Berthiaume, Katherine M. Carey, Amy Costa, Ann Marie Dimauro, Melissa A. Fraga, Diane R. Gaffney, Maryann E. Gebo, Kelly Anne Knowlton, Allison M. Listro, Carl W. Lough, Judith A. Marsche, John N. Molta, Frances Ogulewicz, Meghan K. Parks, Barbara D. Paulo, Kristin A. Pisano, Sarah E. Platanitis, Kathleen Siedlik, Maryann J. Spring, and Krysten Zarr.

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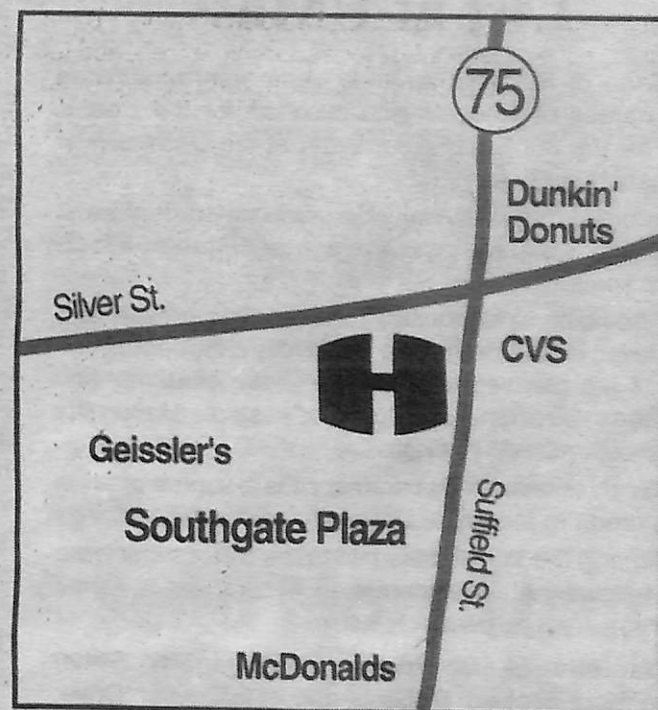
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Noelle Serafino receives Jr. High "Principal's Award"

Noelle Serafino, daughter of Michael & Patricia Serafino, is this year's winner of the prestigious "Principal's Award" at Agawam Junior High School. She was selected for this award because of her involvement in many school activities, commitment to volunteer and community work, and her academic excellence.

The Principal's Award is presented in June to the eighth-grade student who is deemed by the faculty to have been the most outstanding student during their two years at Agawam Junior High. The faculty bases its decision on the fact that the student is well-liked by other students and staff, and has demonstrated the following: *good conduct; good school spirit; helpfulness and cooperation; involvement in school activities; contribution to school and community; trustworthiness, reliability, and promptness; and a respectful attitude toward people and property.*

Noelle's academic endeavors speak for themselves. On top of achieving honor roll grades, she has been named "Student of the Month" six times over the past two years in six different subjects. She was also voted by her peers as "Most Likely To Succeed" among the eighth-grade class.

Outside of dedicating time to schoolwork, Noelle is also very active in extracurricular activities at AJHS. For the past two years, she has been a member of the Ski Club, Drama Club, Non-User's Club, Writer's Club, and Yearbook Staff. She also plays with both the Concert and Jazz Bands.

Noelle is no stranger to community or volunteer work. On her own time, she plays the drums in a church band that entertains at veterans' homes, nursing homes, other churches, and at Boy Scout events.



"PRINCIPAL'S AWARD" WINNER NOELLE SERAFINO proudly holds the plaque designating her as the top student at Agawam Junior High School. Looking on (from left) are Michael Serafino (father), Brandon Serafino (brother), Patricia Serafino (mother), Melody Serafino (sister), and Junior High Principal Kevin Littlefield. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Last summer, she volunteered in the Children's Department at the West Springfield Public Library, and in 1999, she served as a hostess to a juried art show in Wilmington, Vermont. And these are only a few of the organizations that she volunteers her time to!

Although all of these activities certainly keep Noelle on the go, she somehow finds time to do things for herself. She and her mother are part of a Mother/Daughter Book Club out of West Springfield;

she has played soccer for nine years; enjoys tennis lessons in the summer; and continues to take private drum lessons.

Perhaps Noelle's greatest attribute is the kindness that she displays to those that she comes in contact with. Noelle's mother said of her daughter, "More than any of these activities or awards show, Noelle is mature, responsible, and helpful to her peers. She is always there to help someone with their emotional problems or academically; she is a very good friend..."

Locals attain spring 2001 Dean's List at Springfield College

The following Agawam residents have been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2001 term at Springfield College in Springfield, MA:

Diane Barnes, a member of the class of 2004 who is majoring in Physician Assistant; **Ian Lane**, a member of the class of 2002 who is majoring in Sports Management; **Aaron Orsatti**, a member of the class of 2003 who is majoring in Political Science; and **Dale Pappas**, a member of the class of 2001 who majored in Physician Assistant.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College emphasizes the education of leaders for the allied health sciences, human and social services, sports and movement activities, and the arts and sciences.

It is world-renowned as the birthplace of basketball, a game created by Professor James Naismith in 1891, and as the alma mater of William G. Morgan, inventor of the game of volleyball.

Ranked by U.S. News & World Report among "America's Best Colleges," Springfield College is a private, coeducational institution that offers 50 undergraduate and 14 graduate major areas of study. It has been a primary educator of YMCA leaders for more than a century.

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Shelley Rose attains Dean's List at WNEC

Shelley Rose, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Rose of Sunset Terrace in Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England College for the 2001 spring semester.

Rose has also been named a President's List designee within the Dean's List, having achieved a

4.0 grade point average.

She is a history major at WNEC.

Rose has just returned from London upon completing a summer history course offered by WNEC in conjunction with the London-based American University at Richmond College.

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Agawam Junior High's Term Four HONOR ROLL

GRADE EIGHT:

Joseph Albano, Nicholas Alvanos, Catherine Andrews, Jeffery Berselli, William Bertrand, Stacy Boisvert, Lynn Bovat, Barbara Brizzolari, Christine Cassidy, Jennifer Clark, Kevin Clark, Patrick Conchieri, Leah Cook, Adam Corbin, Daniel Cosgrove, Nicholas Crescentini, Deborah D'Amours, Elise Davilli, Joseph Deluca, Nicholas Demetron, Gregory Donaldson, Amanda Dupre, Diana Dziardziel, Caroline Elkins, Alex Ellsworth, Caleigh Ferguson, Kelly Follis, Joseph Fortunato, Jordan Frederick, Courtney Garrett, Bethan Garvin, Jaclyn Geaughan, Gina Gessay, Jonathan Gibbons, Danielle Glanz.

Alexander Gohn, Meredith Golbach, Emily Gordon, Katie Gorman, Karyn Gottardi, Mary Gottardi, Gina Graziano, Zoryana Grebinnik, Jeannine Hastings, Kristan Heaton, Daniel Higgins, Alexandra Ivey, Nicholas Jacks, Susan Jenney, Andrew Jensen, Stephanie Klebes, Danielle Lafond, Kristen Laliberte, Bryan Lane, James Lewin, Lauren Liberti, Nathan Little, Tiffany Manzi, Jenelle Masotti, Joseph McCarthy, Joseph McGeoghan, Carmino Mineo, Jennifer Montagna, Andrew Moriarty, Ashley Morris, Rachel Mozdzanowski, Daniel Murphy, Sophia Nasti, Eric Niedziela, Jaclyn O'Neill.

Shane O'Sullivan, Amy Osgood, Angela Pandolfi, Kaylie Paquette, Venu Patel, Vrunda Patel, Kirsten Patrick, Lauren Peltier, Kevin Pender, Kristen Pfau, Jessica Phillips, Jessica Pokora, Meagan Pokorny, Jennifer Rider, Jennifer Sacco, Matthew Sadowski, Maria Santaniello, Jessica Santucci, Kurt Schebel, Noelle Serafino, Emily Siedlik, Jonathon Simone, Abriana Spagnoli, Jamie Spear, Alison Stanton, Vanessa Tencati, Michael Thompson, Michael Toto, Erica Troy, Jeffrey Walker, Julie Wills, Stephen Wojcik, Nicole Woszczyzna, David Zaffetti, Alyssa Zmaczynski.

GRADE SEVEN:

Angelina Barbarisi, Lisa Bobskill, Kaitlyn Bonneville, Emily Cassidy, Bryant Cesan, Justin Chretien, Nicole Cirillo, Stephanie Connors, Keeley Conte, Alycia Cove, Nicole Cristelli, Chantel Cuddemi, Alison Dassatti, Erica DeBarge, Andrea Desrosiers, Nicholas Dimaio, Alexis Dumas, Michelle Epaul, Diana Forbes, Nicole Frazier, Cassie Freeman, Alexander Friedrich, Samantha Gambaccini, Tiara Ghedi, Tammy Gorman, Sophie Gould.

Alicia Holl, Justin Howe, Jung Hwang, Jonathan Jordan, Ashley Kauffman, Heather Kauffman, Elizabeth Klimczak, Johannah Kos, Christine Kretschmar, Lindsie Lavin, Monica Lefebvre, Michael Longhi, Peter Longhi, Mia Lovechio, Nicholas Lovotti, Julianne Lucas, Amy Luginbuhl, Sarah MacFadden, Angela Mancini, Joseph McDyer, Jonathan McGeoghan, Sarah Metcalf, Sarah Meyrick, Heather Moffatt, Emil Nasti, Jonathan O'Brien.

Matthew Oleksak, Alison Pariseau, Nicole Payeur, Christin Peters, Nicholas Pokora, Kara Powell, Ashley Proulx, Erika Prouty, Laura Provost, Viktoriya Radkovets, Joseph Reutt, Nathan Rheault, Kevin Roberts, Paige Roberts, Carlo Ronca, Steven Rosinski, Matthew Sabola, Shelley Schivley, Michael Skovorodin, Matthew Stykiewicz, Ashley Toyfair, Michael Uzar, Mitchell Vivenzio, Julie Warchol, James Yelinek.

Brad Tilden returns from studies in Australia

Brad Tilden has completed his second semester of his junior year at the University of Sydney in Australia through the "Study Abroad Program" of Butler University of Indiana (for Amherst College). His concentration of study was music and religion.

Tilden is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School. He is the son of Peter & Grace Tilden of Agawam.

Agawam Middle School's Term Four HONOR ROLL

GRADE SIX:

Thomas Albano, Christopher Alvanos, Michael Andrews, Cassandra Ashwell, Elizabeth Avondo, Joel Bailey, Rachel Baptiste, Tatyana Baranov, Marissa Bazanchuk, Ryan Belisle, Christina Bertrand, Paul Bondarenko, Caitlin Breault, Ashley Brinkmann, Daniel Cassidy, Jr., Jonathan Cesan, Briana Conchieri, Michael Copeland, Anthony Costa, Lisa Couture.

Cassandra Daniels, Nicholas Dassatti, Caitlyn Davis, Andrew Dawson, Adam deLiefde, Daniel Demers, Zachary Demers, Anthony Depalma, Joshua Dion, Rachel Dionne, Courtney Doyle, Leah Drewnowski, Kida Ejesi, Stephen Ferrigno, Brian Foley, Zan Frederick, Christopher Ghidoni, Paul Glantz, Laura Gomes, Thomas Goodrow, Nicholas Goss, Yulia Govor, Michael Hajdamowicz, Karyn Heaton, Emma Hendry, Nathan Higgins, Natalie Honsinger, Christopher Howe, Caitlin Hurley.

Katelyn Iacolo, Bradley Johnson, Justine Kedzior, Tiffany Knox, Jessica Kodess, Nicole Kozikowski, Stephan Krach, Theresa Krach, Danielle Kudlic, Gregory Lane, Joseph Lepianka, Rebeca Lewin, Jessica Liquori, Samantha Lisee, Kathryn Lynch, Kelly MacIntyre, Ashley Martin, Jocelyn Mason, Brian Merriam, Brittany Michel, Erica Morris.

Jeffrey Nation, Molly Nowill, Julie Parisien, Lindsey Pfau, Nicholas Pioggia, Timothy Piquette, Adam Plante, Kelly Poirier, Jason Polek, Kurt Ripke, Myungsun Ro, Matthew Roberts, Sarah Roos, Rebecca Rosenberg, Bryan Roy, Danielle Russo, Brianne Sacco, Nicholas Savard, Meaghan Serra, Rosina Songorova, Lauren Sotolotto, Brendon Struck, Erin Theriault, Kathleen Thibodeau, Caitlyn Tierney, Paul Trimboli III, Shaun Troy, Lisa Truschelli, Kelsi Watkins, Nicole Witaszek, Ashley-Anne Wolos.

GRADE FIVE:

Nicholas Abraham, Krystina Albano, Daniel Anderson, Emily Baker, Christina Barbarisi, Joshua Barcomb, Christine Blanchard, Joshua Blood, Carisa Bobskill, Phillip Boglisch, Yuriy Bondarenko, Khristina Brodowski, Eric Cancelliere, Kristen Cardaropoli, Ashley Carmel, Mackenzie Cassidy, Shannon Colby,

Rebecca Colson, Cortnee Conlin, Randy Corriveau, Christopher Cosenzi, Michael Cotto, Steven Cruz.

Laura D'Angelo, Christine Davignon, Andrew Dean, Nicole Desimone, James Devoe, Alyssa Dominguez, Sergey Domnenko, Jake Ferretti, Danielle Fife, Katherine Figella, Katey Garrett, Stephanie Giffin, Theresa Glod, Adam Gonyeau, Julie Gorman, Erica Graves, Joseph Grimaldi, Artem Grushetskiy, Paige Harbey, Beth Hayden, Colin Hensel, Lisa Hersey, Matthew Howe, Shaunna Howe, Sae Hwang, Lindsay Jacks, Felicia Johnson.

Inna Karcha, Caitlin Kelley, Elizabeth Koenig, Christina Korney, Julie Kuczarski, Artur Kulmizev, Nicholas Kupiec, Matthew LaBelle, Chelsea Lafontaine, Emily Laliberte, Eric Lane, Kristina Langone, Matthew Lapins, Joseph Largay, Houssam Lazkani, Frank Liberti, Meghan Little, Brett Lombardini, Jessica Long, Brett Longhi, Sara Lovotti, Scott Luginbuhl, Crystal Lyons, James Mackin, Stephen Mallory, Amy Mantha, Kayla Manzi, Justin Marcoux, Elizabeth Martino, Meghan Masciadrelli, Daniel Matroni, Elizabeth Mattarazzo, Katherine McGeoghan, Justin McDonald, Patrick McKeever, Angela Mercier, Brandon Mitchell, Julie-Ayn Montalvo, Anthony Morassi, Sean Moriarty, Ryan Morrie, Noelle Myers.

Joel Nawson, Kaitlin Neilsen, Allison O'Brien, Matthew O'Brien, Kaitlyn O'Connell, Amanda Olmo, Stephen Parent, Jessica Peck, Rachael Perez, Megan Pietroniro, Rachel Pokorny, Daniel Polaski, Sarah Reutt, Ethan Rheault, Travis Ritter, Carla Rosati, Kayla Ruhl, Tajh Russell, Ashley Sadowski, Brenton Schivley, Philip Scoville, Nimish Shah, Samantha Shay, Andrea Simmons, Jeffery Simpson, Nicholas Sliech, Evan Spear, Danielle Stelma, Anthony Stork, Lindsay Strole, Vincenzo Suffriti.

Heather Thompson, Justin Timmons, Tyler Toyfair, Sapa Truong, Karissa Venne, William Vinesett, Andrea Walsh, Daniel Walsh, Sean Walsh, Stephen Walsh, Christopher Walters, Anthony Watt, Andrew White, Ashley Williams, Mark Wingard, Sean Yarmowicz, Samuel Zhu, Alexander Zmaczynski, Eleni Zouridakis.

At Union College...

Gina Markowski participates in student symposium

Gina Markowski, a Union College class of 2002 history major, recently participated in the College's Steinmetz Symposium on student creative, scholarly, and research achievements.

Markowski, a resident of Feeding Hills, is a graduate of Agawam High School.

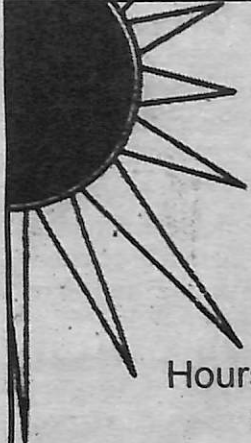
At the symposium, she presented "Calm Before the Storm," a classical ballet piece which she choreographed and performed to George Winston's *Autumn Sea*.

The symposium is named for Charles Proteus Steinmetz, professor and head of electrical engineering and applied physics at Union from 1902 to 1923. Steinmetz, a world-famous scientist, was known as the "Electrical Wizard" of General Electric.

Located in Schenectady, New York, Union strongly encourages undergraduate research, scholarly, and creative work. More than 200 Union College undergraduates participated in the 11th annual Steinmetz Symposium.

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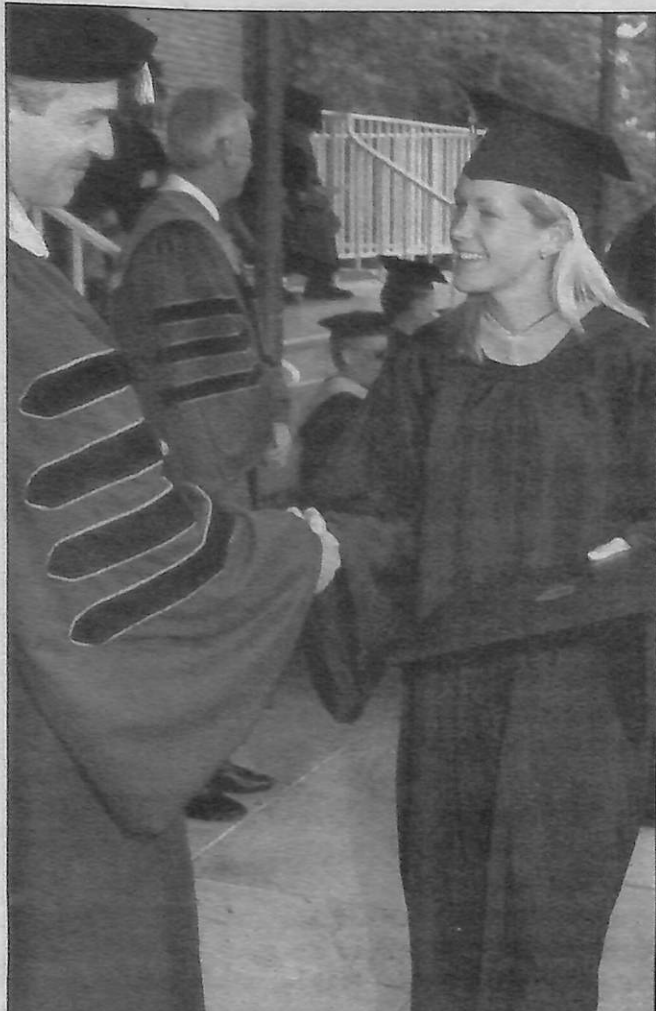
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JOSEPH MORONE (left), President of Bentley College in Waltham, MA, presents Amy K. Bilodeau of Agawam with her diploma during the recently held commencement exercise.

Amy K. Bilodeau awarded degree from Bentley

Amy Kathryn Bilodeau of 41 Dartmouth Street, Agawam, was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree from Bentley College in Waltham, MA. A total of 917 students comprised the class of 2001, and this year marked Bentley's 82nd undergraduate commencement exercises.

The daughter of Jane Bilodeau of Agawam and Jerry Bilodeau of Hampden, Bilodeau majored in finance. She will be working as an investment associate at Cambridge Associates in Boston, MA.

During her four years at Bentley, Bilodeau participated in many undergraduate activities, including Hall Council Advisory Board, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and varsity women's lacrosse.

The co-captain of Bentley's women's lacrosse team, Bilodeau was the second-leading scorer for the third straight season, totaling 29 points. She was honored by being selected Bentley Women's Lacrosse Team MVP, NE-10 All-Conference First Team, and ECAC Division II Women's Lacrosse All-Star.

Bilodeau is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.

"Family Music Night" at Agawam High on Thursday, July 19th

Percussionist Jay Cook will present an interactive concert on Thursday evening, July 19th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. Whole families (from tots to teens) and all interested adults are cordially invited to share the fun of a lively musical evening. Bring a blanket to sit on!

Sign up for the show by calling the Agawam Library at 789-1550. (Sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.)

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...



JENNIFER R. LOOMIS

Jennifer R. Loomis attains Dean's List standing at WNEC

Jennifer R. Loomis, daughter of Jim & Laurie Loomis of Feeding Hills, was once again named to the Déan's List at Western New England College, where she is majoring in biomedical engineering.

She remains a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, and was also named as a President's List designee within the Dean's List because of achieving a grade point average of 3.86.

Her superior performance and high academic achievements are a lot to be proud of. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Extremely proud are her parents, sisters, and grandparents, all of Feeding Hills.

Save those boxtops...

Middle School still needs \$\$\$ for basketball hoops

The Agawam Middle School still needs \$\$\$ to reach its \$1,500 goal for two basketball hoops and a funnel hoop.

The school had been holding contests throughout the 2000-2001 school year to see who could collect the most General Mills "Boxtops for Education."

Although the hoops are completely installed, we need to reimburse the PTO. Once we reach this goal, we will continue to collect "Boxtops for Education" from General Mills, Lloyd's, Farmhouse, Betty Crocker, and Yoplait products to purchase other items needs at the Middle School. Each boxtop is redeemed for 10 cents.

The newest contest will run throughout the summer, and the winner will enjoy a delivered lunch of their choice with Mr. Spiro, Assistant Principal, on school grounds. The contest will end Tuesday, September 11th.

Anyone can save the 10-cent logo from the tops and bottoms of the participating products. You do not have to have a family member at the Middle School.

If you would like to contribute to this or future projects, save the boxtops during summer vacation and bring them into the Agawam Middle School's main office.

If you have any questions, please call Margaret Timmons at 786-2651.



MEGAN M. LOOMIS

Megan M. Loomis accepted to UMass Amherst

Megan M. Loomis, daughter of Jim & Laurie Loomis of Feeding Hills, has been accepted to the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall of 2001.

She will be majoring in nursing and was enrolled into the TAP program, which is the Talent Advancement program that offers students of a particular major the opportunity to live and study together.

Admission to this entering class was very selective. Of the 20,000 students who applied for freshman admission, only 3,700 are enrolled for the fall.

Loomis was accepted based on her academic record and personal strengths. Congratulations, Megan!

Very proud of her acceptance are her sisters, Jen and Rachel Loomis, and her grandparents - Jim & Marilyn Loomis and Ray & Alice Olson.

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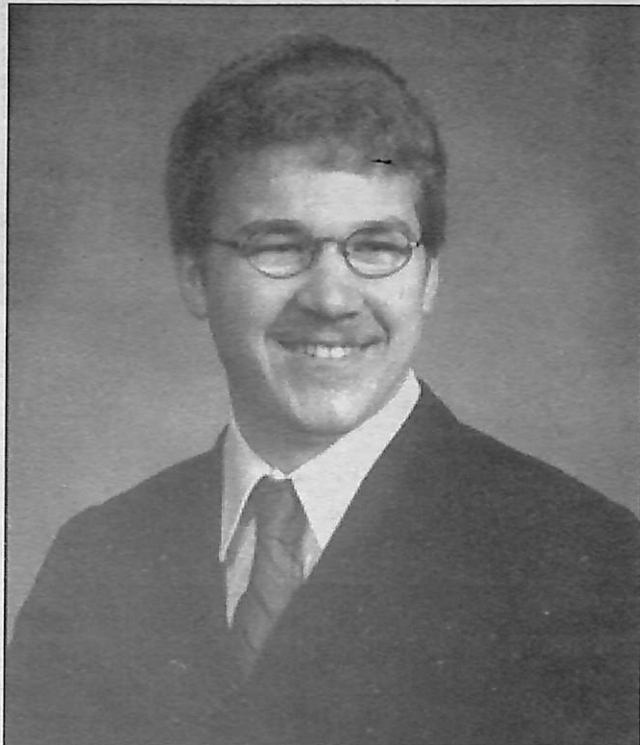
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DAVID M. MARTIN

David M. Martin earns degree from WPI

David M. Martin of 150 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam, recently graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA. A mechanical engineering major at WPI, he is the son of April & Jim Mosher.

During his college career, Martin attained membership in Pi Tau Sigma (the National Mechanical Engineering Honor Society) and was vice-president of the Society for Medieval Arts and Science for three years.

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2001 Perry Lane pool schedule

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Mondays & Wednesdays: 12:30-4:15 p.m., public swim; 4:30-6:00 p.m., swim lessons; 6:00-8:00 p.m., swim team. Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:30-6:00 p.m., public swim; 6:00-8:00 p.m., swim team. Fridays: 12:30-8:00 p.m., public swim. Saturdays & Sundays: 12:00-6:00 p.m., public swim. (The pool schedule is subject to change.)

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Children/adults, age 6 and older: \$1 per person. Children, age 5 and younger: 50 cents per person. (Daily pool passes may be purchased at the pool from the lifeguard on duty.)

Pool Rules -

Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool at any time. A cloth diaper with rubber pants or "swimmies" diapers are recommended. Flotation devices are not permitted. An adult must accompany children under the age of 12. Swimmers must shower before entering pool. Anyone with a communicable disease is not permitted in the pool. The pool may be closed due to extreme weather, special events, or emergencies. The pool director and head lifeguard on duty has authority over all pool rules and closures.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter -
ADVERTISER NEWS!!!



ANNE-MARIE AUDETTE

Anne-Marie Audette named All-American Scholar by USAA

Anne-Marie Audette, daughter of Joe & Joan Audette of Agawam, was recently named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

An All-American Scholar must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average and be selected by a school instructor or counselor to be accepted.

Audette graduated this June from St. Mary's High School in Westfield, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and received two awards for excellence in French.

She will attend Springfield Technical Community College this fall to work toward an associate's degree in business administration, with plans to transfer to a four-year college to major in accounting.

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Basketball World offers day & overnight camps

Basketball World will conduct a High School Boys Overnight Camp, July 29th-August 2nd, and a High School Girls Overnight Camp, August 12th-16th. The Overnight Camps are held at the Suffield Conference Center (Suffield, CT) for players ages 13-18.

Basketball World will also conduct a Day Camp at Suffield Academy, August 6th-10th for boys and girls ages seven to 17.

The camps are under the direction of Toronto Raptors Advance Pro Scout Paul Wissel and Sacramento Kings Advance Pro Scout Scott Wissel.

Special guest instructor at the camps will be Dallas Mavericks Advance Scout Hal Wissel.

"We give campers the same teachings we give NBA players," said Hal Wissel. "We work with players of all ages and abilities who love basketball and want to become better."

Teachings focus on basketball fundamentals and building the players' self-confidence. "The most important thing to teach campers is confidence," emphasized Paul Wissel. "If you're confident and believe in yourself, you'll be a success, not just in the game of basketball, but in life itself."

Basketball World has been running camps and clinics across the country for more than 25 years. For a brochure and more information, call toll-free, 888-812-5452.

Westfield Head Start now taking applications

Westfield Area Head Start is now recruiting children to participate in the program for the 2001-2002 school year.

Head Start is a family oriented preschool for low income and working families and offers four-hour school year classrooms as well as full day/full year choice.

Westfield Area Head Start currently operates centers in Westfield (562-0586), West Springfield (746-3847), Agawam (789-1784), Southwick (569-1275), and Blandford (848-1444).

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Hampden County 4-H Fair set for Saturday, July 21st

The Hampden County 4-H/Youth Fair Association would like to announce its 49th annual fair. The event is open to all youth in Hampden County between the ages of five and 19 years of age, or registered 4-H members in Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire, or Franklin Counties.

The fair will be held on Saturday, July 21st in the Mallary Complex and the outdoor horse arena on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.

There will be many special events during the day. Popular events such as the fun run, pet show, and the pedal tractor pull will return. All are open to the public.

The first 50 entrants in the fun run will receive a t-shirt. Runners can sign up on the day of the fair. The pedal tractor pull is for three to eight year-olds.

An array of livestock will be shown off during the day. Prized horses, dairy and beef cattle - as well as rabbits, poultry, goats, and sheep - will be on display all day. Come see the talent show, where youths will showcase their singing, piano, and dancing talents.

Returning attractions this year include a milking program for youth, a veggie 500 race, as well as egg-blowing and face-painting. New attractions this year include guinea pig races and a bottle rocket launch. All are open to the public.

Hall exhibits will show off the best handiwork of Hampden County youth. You will see decorated cakes, needlework, artwork, basketry, flowers, vegetables, woodworking, and much more.

In the afternoon, the fashion revue and wool lead line will showcase the expert sewing of our youth. The day will conclude with the awards ceremony at 4:00 p.m. With the help of many generous donations, over 100 trophies will be awarded.

Come spend an hour or a whole day. We're sure that you will have a great time. Admission is free, and there is plenty of free parking on the grounds.

FAIR DAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m.: Horse Show begins in outside arena.
- 9:00 a.m.: Hall Exhibits open to public; Fun Run.
- 10:00 a.m.: Livestock Shows begin.
- 10:30 a.m.: Pet Show registration; Face-Painting; Badge-Making.
- 11:00 a.m.: Pet Show; Pedal Tractor Pull.
- 12:30 p.m.: Bottle Rockets; Veggie 500.
- 1:00 p.m.: Talent Show.
- 3:00 p.m.: Fashion Revue.
- 3:30 p.m.: "Make it with Wool" Lead Line.
- 4:00 p.m.: Awards Ceremony
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JUDITH O'HARE and her "You And Me Puppets" from Reading, MA, will be at the AHS auditorium on Tuesday, July 24th.

"Tales From Greek Mythology" puppet show will appeal to children and adults

The Agawam Library will host a puppet show, "Tales From Greek Mythology," on Tuesday, July 24th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

The show, presented by Judith O'Hare's "You and Me Puppets," is an interactive program for children (ages five and up) and all interested adults.

Parts are available for 20 students who would like

to be volunteer puppeteers in the show.

Volunteers need to be in the fourth grade and older, and must be available for a two-hour rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. on the show date.

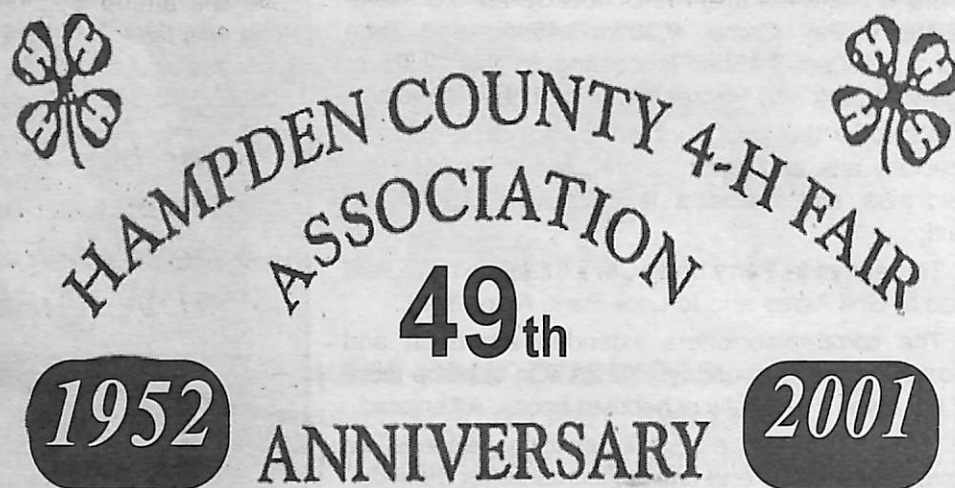
The public is invited to attend this free performance. To register for the show and/or to sign up as a puppeteer, call the Agawam Library at 789-1550.

Basketball camp for girls at AIC

American International College will be hosting a day camp for girls' basketball players from August 6th through August 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Sports

Perry Lane Camp opens for the summer

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

Perry Lane Camp in Agawam held its open house for parents and children on Sunday, July 1st and it officially opened Monday, July 2nd for a summer filled with fun, safe, and satisfying programs, according to Agawam Park and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks.

"Perry Lane Camp gives children the opportunity to explore an outdoor camp where they can do activities they can't necessarily do at home," Sparks said. "The camp also provides child care services for parents when they go to work."

In addition to being Agawam's Park and Recreation Director, Sparks said he is responsible for the entire Summer Camp Program.

Sparks said the entire staff at Perry Lane Camp reports to him on a daily basis.

According to Perry Lane Camp's Director Mike Aiken, "There are about 40 staff members involved with the camp. They range from lifeguards to counselors, camp coordinators, volunteers, a camp nurse, specialty arts and crafts counselors and sports counselors."

Perry Lane Camp is actually three camps in one. Pre-School Camp is for ages four and five years-old as of July 1st, a Day Camp for ages six-11, and a Teen Camp for 11 and up, Aiken said.

Perry Lane Camp is open Monday-Friday and the hours of operation are: Pre-School Camp is 8:30am-12:15pm; Day Camp, 8:30am-3:45pm; and Teen Camp, 8:30am-3:45pm (according to the Town of Agawam Park and Recreation Department manual).

"We offer the kids a variety of activities such as specialty arts and crafts, sports, swimming lessons, field trips, and special safety presentations," Aiken said.

This summer, Perry Lane Camp plans to have field trips to Golf Acres and to Look Park, Aiken said.

The camp also offers extended afternoon and morning hours for working parents who can't be there at the camp's normally scheduled hours, Aiken said.

"This summer is especially exciting because we have a new sports and challenge course for the kids," said Aiken. "This new course includes a rope that allows the kids to swing from trees to trees."

Aiken said he assures parents the safety of their children and also said there is a nurse on duty in the rare case of an injury and there is a lifeguard at all times for the children who are swimming.

"I feel comfortable letting the parents know they can feel good about leaving their children at Perry Lane Camp," Day Camp Coordinator Annie Bianca said. "We do our best to make the children feel comfortable because we want them to come back next summer."

"The majority of the children who attend Perry Lane Camp are Agawam residents, but we have a few children from Southwick," Aiken said.

"The Town of Agawam had a summer camp before I was hired in 1999," Sparks said.

The Agawam Park and Recreation Department has been running a summer program since the middle 1970's, when the camp included Camp Rainbow, Sparks said.

Former director John Kunasek, who worked for the town of Agawam from 1964-1994, said, "Camp Rainbow was strictly for special needs."

In the mid 1990's, the camp name was changed to Perry Lane Camp because it's located on Perry Lane and also due to the town's new ownership of the property, Kunasek said.

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PICTURED ABOVE are the Perry Lane Camp staff members for the summer of 2001. Back row (from left): Sports Director Dave Federico, Ropes/Challenge Specialist Josh Roman, Teen Camp Coordinator Wendy Clouse, Arts & Crafts Specialist Kathy Keenan, and Camp Nurse Barbara Ferland. Front row (from left): Pre-School Director Michelle Ferreira, Day Camp Coordinator Annie Bianca, and Camp Director Mike Aiken. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.



PERRY LANE CAMP STAFF MEMBERS are shown preparing for the open house on Sunday, July 1st. From left to right: Camp Counselor Shannon Medyer, Sports Director Dave Federico, and Camp Counselor Ryan Malanson. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

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Granby resident is Perry Lane Camp's new director

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

Mike Aiken, the new director of Perry Lane Camp in Agawam, brings over 15 years of camp experience with him and plans to provide a safe and fun environment for the children, according to Agawam's Park and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks.

"My number one goal this summer is to make sure the kids are safe and they have fun at camp, so they will want to come back every day," Aiken said.

"Perry Lane Camp is a very safe and pleasant environment for the kids and we want the parents to have absolutely no worries," Aiken said.

Aiken said he is from Granby (MA), where he currently resides. However, he said he doesn't mind driving to Agawam because he likes to have fun in the summer.

"Working with the kids is fulfilling," Aiken said.

"I've been working in camps almost all my life," Aiken said. "I started as a camp counselor, then I was an assistant director, a Special Education director and any other position one can have in summer camp."

When Aiken is not working as the new director for Perry Lane Camp, he said he is a physical Education Instructor for the Chicopee School System.

He said he was employed as an instructor in the elementary level for six years and he recently finished his second year teaching the middle school level.

Aiken said his education includes a bachelor's degree from Westfield State College in physical education.

Aiken said he applied for the position of camp director last summer. However, he said wasn't hired



NEW DIRECTOR MIKE AIKEN (left) and Day Camp Coordinator Annie Bianca await the arrival of parents and children at the July 1st open house for Perry Lane Camp. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

until this summer.

He said he applied for the director's position through the Agawam Park and Recreation Department. He said they were looking for someone with a lot of camp experience.

"One of the reasons Mike Aiken was hired as the new director of Perry Lane Camp was because of his experience in different camp settings," Sparks said.

The description of camp director has changed since last summer. The town redefined the position, giving the director more responsibilities, Sparks said.

Sparks said he is confident Aiken will provide a safe and fun environment that will keep the kids constantly busy and challenged.

The decision to hire Aiken as the Perry Lane Camp's new director involved a series of interviews and recommendations, Sparks said.

"A complete interview process with eight candidates was narrowed down to two interviews with three finalists," Sparks said, "at which time, I made a personal recommendation to the Mayor to hire Mike."

Aiken said his future plans include pursuing a master's degree in physical education and he hopes to return next summer again as director of Perry Lane Camp.

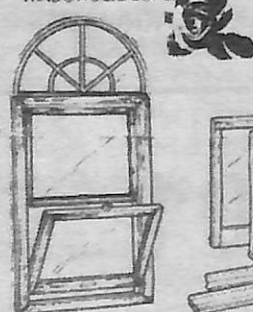
He said he would like to return next summer even before he knows what will happen this summer because he likes working with the children.

"I feel lucky to have this job," Aiken said. "It's a very fun job."

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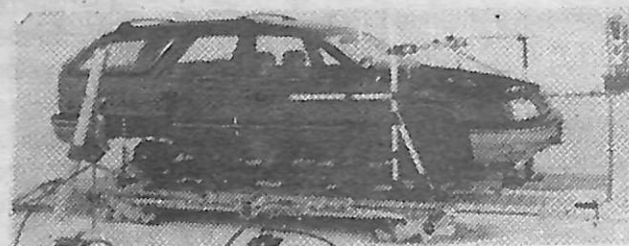
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ARTS & CRAFTS SPECIALIST KATHY KEENAN (left) with her daughter, Gillian Keenan, at Perry Lane Camp. Six year-old Gillian said her favorite type of arts & crafts is drawing boats. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

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Perry Lane Camp was once the old YMCA's property until the Town of Agawam bought the property, Sparks said.

The town paid \$125,000 for the property and then the state later reimbursed the town with \$105,000, Kunasek said.

As for the future, the town is constantly improving the facilities, Sparks said.

"This year we installed a new rope challenge course for the children. We extended the day program to accommodate parents and last year we rebuilt the tennis courts," Sparks said.

"Next summer we will focus on pool facility improvements and this fall we plan to repave the entire parking lot to improve any traffic congestion," Sparks said.

Sparks said he would recommend Perry Lane Camp to any parent who is working.

"My own children have attended Perry Lane and they enjoyed it very much," Sparks said.

Registration for Perry Lane Camp started in April and runs until the sessions are full, Sparks said.

"We currently have openings still available in the Pre-School Camp," Sparks said.

"Parents can sign their children up as long as the camp has openings available."

For more information regarding Perry Lane Camp, please call 413-789-1616.

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American Legion baseball...

Agawam downs Liberty to raise record to 7-3

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On an early evening up at Harmon Smith Field when even the birds were sweating, Agawam beat Liberty Legion, 8-5, in American Legion baseball.

This game saw both teams manufacture runs. It also saw Liberty make four errors, which made all the creative runs it scored basically an exercise in futility.

Agawam got on the board in its half of the first inning. John Lynch singled sharply to left. Brandon Donovan rapped one to short, forcing Lynch at second.

Donovan, who continues to shine both in the field and at the plate for Agawam, then stole second.

With catcher Matt Rheault at the plate, he swiped third. Rheault (who would go 3-4 in this one) then slapped a single to right, driving Donovan home. Talk about manufacturing runs.

Agawam was up 1-0 with Jon Reardon on the hill. Reardon, strong as usual, held onto that score until the fourth when Liberty got its first run on a lead-off single and a double.

It was tied at one until the fifth rolled around. It was Liberty's turn to manufacture some runs. A lead-off double and a fielder's choice saw a runner at third. What was supposed to be a sacrifice bunt turned into an infield hit, and the run scored to make it 2-1, Liberty.

Another single had another runner on third. Then came an attempted suicide squeeze. Agawam had it sniffed out and Rheault threw to third to get the runner, who was headed back to the hot corner. The throw was a little off, so the runner wheeled around and headed for home (just sliding under Reardon's attempted tag).

Down 3-1, Agawam Post put the pedal to the metal in the bottom of the fifth, scoring five times.

It all started when Donovan reached on a throwing error by the Liberty second baseman. Donovan headed for second. But the catcher (trailing the play as all good catchers are trained to do) fielded the ball and it was Keystone Cops time. Donovan was caught in a 2-4, 4-3, 2-4, 4-2, 2-3 rundown.

But Donovan, in a display of "never say die" baserunning, managed to make it back to first. Matt Rheault's triple to right-center easily brought Donovan home.

First baseman Josh Perry, batting from the left side, was next. He lofted a high fly deep into right, where the Liberty kid lost it in the sun. Perry ended up at second. Rheault scored.

Brian Carney singled and Perry took third. Josh Rheault reached on an error by the Liberty first baseman (who couldn't handle the throw from third), and Perry came home. Carney and Josh Rheault crossed the plate on a slow single past second off the bat of Tom Boisjolie. Agawam now led, 6-3.

Liberty would score in the top of the sixth on a lead-off double and a single, closing things to 6-4.

Agawam would come back in the bottom of the inning with two more.

Donovan singled and stole second. Matt Rheault also singled. Perry then doubled them home. It was 8-4, Agawam heading into the seventh.

Reardon got the first hitter on a pop to short. But the kid (on this steam bath of an evening) had worked hard and it was obvious he was tiring. A walk, a single to center, and another walk loaded them up.

Coach Brian Rheault came out, got the ball, gave Reardon a pat for a job well done, and Jack Pearson came on.

He was pitching for the first time in quite a while, but the locals needed him because their roster was a bit thin due to summertime commitments by some of the players who were absent.

Pearson dusted the first hitter he faced, then walked a run home to make it 8-5, Agawam.

However, it all ended quickly when a shot hit to Donovan was fielded cleanly on an unassisted out at second to wrap it up.

Agawam went to 7-3. Liberty fell to 4-5.

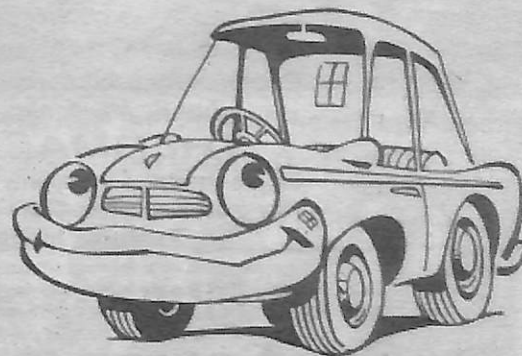
AGAWAM STATS: Lynch - 1-3; Donovan - 2-4, 3 RS, 3 SB; M. Rheault - 2-4 (3B), 2 RS, 2 RBI, 1 SB; Perry - 2-2 (2 2B), 1 RS, 3 RBI; Maloni - 0-2; Carney - 1-2, 1 RS; J. Rheault - 1-4, 1 RS, 1 RBI; Pearson - 0-4; Boisjolie - 2-3, 2 RBI; Bienia - 0-3.

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In left photo: Agawam youth lacrosse had a strong spring in local competition, which can only mean good things in the future for the Agawam High School program. In right photo: The coaches who put in plenty of time and effort into the 2001 spring youth lacrosse program included (from left) Joe Mineo, Matt Desautels, Nick St. George, Robert Young, and Norm Smith.

Agawam Recreation Dept. youth lacrosse completes a record year

Last month, the spring lacrosse season for the Agawam junior boys' lacrosse team (grades 4-6) ended with a semi-final playoff loss to West Hartford. Considering that this is only the second year Agawam has fielded a boys' lacrosse team at this level, this was quite an accomplishment.

Quite an accomplishment indeed. Organized lacrosse in Agawam was started only four short years ago by Agawam City Council Vice-President Robert Young and Agawam High School varsity lacrosse

Coach Nick St. George.

Beginning in 1998 with 12 boys and weekly instructional sessions, the program has grown to two boys' teams; 75 boys participating; and one girls' team that also has doubled in participation from 12 girls last year to 27 girls participating this season.

Young, a former Springfield College and Club star, commented, "This has been a dream come true for me. Some of the towns in the area have done this for years, and I didn't want to have to bring my kids to

Longmeadow for them to experience lacrosse when they got to the fourth grade."

He added, "We have doubled the participation in each of the four years we have been doing this, and this year we had several parents volunteer to coach, which is great."

"Chris Sparks and the Agawam Recreation Department have been very supportive, and the coaches, players, parents, and I look forward to bigger and better things next year!"

Supporting local disaster relief...

Pioneer Valley Red Cross Golf Tournament raises \$25,000

The Eighth Annual Red Cross Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, June 28th, at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills, raising \$25,000 for local disaster relief. Participants included the following major sponsors: Safe Environment Corporation, Ludlow, MA (title sponsor); PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Hartford, CT (corporate sponsor); and Smith & Wesson Corporation, Springfield, MA (corporate sponsor).

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A total of 116 golfers spent a beautiful day at Oak Ridge, complete with lunch, golfing, a putting contest, prizes, raffle, and an awards dinner. Committee Chair John Gabranski of PricewaterhouseCoopers was Master of Ceremonies for the evening's presentations.

The day's winners were: Longest Drive - Mary Lotuff (women) and Ed Prendergast (men); Closest to

the Pin - Sheryl McQuade (women) and Al Morassi (men).

Scramble: 1st Place - Manny Rovithis, Vinnie Basile, Chris Hill, and Erick Koshusko; 2nd Place - Candace Fong, Bill Patten, Andrew Whetstone, and Hugh Barrett; 3rd Place - Matt Potvin, Joe Radoewocz, Paul Conniff, and Paul Gosselin.

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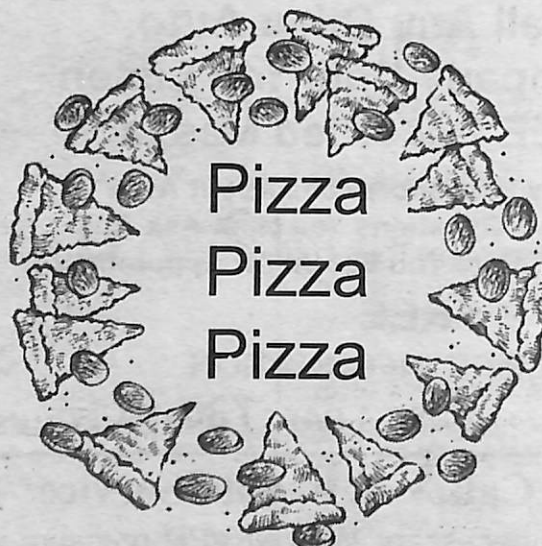
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Summer soccer Brownie Girls all over Minnechaug, 3-0

by Dave Rollins

Sports Editor

The Agawam Bruno's summer girls' soccer team totally dominated visiting Minnechaug last Tuesday evening, coming away with a 3-0 win in the Pioneer Valley High School Division.

And the way the summer Brownies played at the Middle School, it could have been even worse for the summer Falcons.

Both teams had enough kids to field a team (Agawam - 15; Wilbraham - 13), so you knew it would be survival of the fittest. They started out playing mid-field soccer. But that didn't last long.

With two minutes gone, Agawam Bruno's began its assault and wouldn't let up for most of the game. It started with a midfield rush led by Erin McLane, Maria Santaniello, and Elise Davilli, who took the first of many Agawam shots. Ten seconds later, Santaniello got off another. Minnechaug couldn't clear, so Agawam Bruno's just kept coming on.

Santaniello passed to midfielder Kaitlin Sardella, who led Davilli (who took another shot). All of the above were stopped, but with attacks like that it could only be a matter of time.

Nine minutes in, the summer Brownies had a 5-0 shot lead. Minnechaug, which displayed no offense to speak of, was just trying to stave off what seemed to be the inevitable.

Part of it came when Davilli, working the right wing, headed the ball past the Falcons' defense and went after it. She had a semi-break and a beat on the Minnechaug net, but got tackled from behind and went down before she could pull the trigger. Next up, a penalty kick.

Davilli took it from the left side and drilled the ball into the low left corner of the Falcons' net with 13:30 gone for a 1-0 Agawam lead.

Four minutes later and still on the attack, Santaniello (on the right wing) hit midfielder Jill

Lawson, who was 30 feet in front. Lawson scored to put Agawam up, 2-0.

At that point, the summer Brownies had outshot Minnechaug, 8-0.

The summer Falcons finally managed to get the ball out of their zone and into Agawam territory with 18:20 gone, where they managed to get off their first shot on goal. Keeper Susan Jenny (who will be a freshman this fall) easily made the save.

With 11 minutes to go, Agawam had what would turn out to be the first of 12 corner kicks. Sardella took all but one, but the ball spun out.

Minnechaug tried to double up on the Brownie with the ball, which didn't work and (with six minutes left in the half) Agawam Bruno's was all over the Falcons' zone. A wide shot produced another Agawam corner. Sardella couldn't quite twist it across the goalmouth.

Two minutes later, the summer Brownies had yet another corner, again from the right side. This time, Sardella (who'd been working with Coach Ed Santaniello before the game on that shot) was right on. She hooked it dead-on in front, where Davilli was waiting. She had an opening, but just headed it over the crossbar. A foot lower and it's in.

With 45 seconds to go, Sardella had another right-corner opportunity that sped through the goalmouth, and a melee ensued out front before the ball was finally cleared.

The half ended with the summer Brownies up, 2-0. They had nine shots on goal as opposed to one for Minnechaug.

Thirty seconds into the second half, Minnechaug managed to penetrate the Agawam zone. However, some good defensive work by stopper Danielle Cirillo and sweeper Amanda Blair made quick work of that effort.

The defense was good all night long, including

defender Cara Powell (an eighth-grader) and defender Desiree Marsili (a senior-to-be). Powell, and particularly Cirillo, rushed the ball upfield all night long with excellent dribbling skills.

Erin Gloster took the ball back on a midfield rush. But the summer Falcons' defense (which was over-worked all game long) managed to push the ball out.

With 4:30 in, Minnechaug got off its second shot, which Jenny hugged for the save.

The Falcons did seem a bit more aggressive, while the locals (with a two-goal lead and convinced that the Falcons couldn't hurt them in any way) looked to be switching things to cruise control. Though you'd never know it from listening to Santaniello, who screams instructions from the sidelines, no matter how minute. He wasn't about to let his kids let down.

With nine minutes gone, Sardella had a left corner kick. The Falcons' defense managed to head the ball out of harm's way. A minute later, she had another one, but the kick was a little too far out and spun past the post.

At the 20:30 mark, Agawam had another one from the right corner. Sardella put it right on, where McLane and striker Amanda Janik both had a foot on it for a couple of point-blank shots. But the Falcons' defenders in the crease booted the ball away.

A minute later, in what was becoming corner kick practice for the summer Brownies, Sardella had another one from the left side. This time, all that practice paid off. Her kick curled into the Minnechaug goal for a 3-0 Agawam lead as the Falcons' keeper dropped the ball into the net.

The summer Falcons tried a midfield rush after that and were turned away by the Brownie defenders, who were led by Gloster and Marsili. Good midfield play was also turned in by Tiffany Manzi and Laura

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Belchertown tops visiting Agawam Piranhas

The Agawam Piranhas swim team suffered a 382-230 loss to Belchertown on Tuesday, June 26th, at the Chestnut Hill Community School in Belchertown. The results were as follows:

8 & Under Girls

Patty Taylor, first place 100 yard individual medley, first place 50 yard freestyle, second place 25 yard breaststroke; Sarah Torrey, first place 25 yard freestyle, first place 25 yard butterfly, first place 25 yard backstroke. The team of Christa Healey, Stephanie Zello, Torrey, and Janine Woodburn combined for first place in the 100 yard freestyle relay.

8 & Under Boys

Henry Loong, third place 25 yard freestyle, third place 50 yard freestyle.

9-10 Girls

Nicole Bouley, first place 10 yard individual medley, second place 50 yard butterfly, first place 50 yard breaststroke; Haley Muzzy, first place 50 yard freestyle, first place 50 yard backstroke; Jennifer Golbach, third place 50 yard breaststroke. The team of Golbach, Bouley, Muzzy, and Kate Malone combined for second place in the 200 yard medley relay. The team of Kate Malone, Mary Malone, Golbach, and Muzzy combined for second place in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

9-10 Boys

Zachary Benoit, first place 50 yard freestyle, first place 100 yard freestyle, second place 50 yard backstroke; Tyler Devoe, third place 50 yard freestyle, third place 100 yard freestyle; Daniel Sole, third place 50 yard butterfly, third place 50 yard breaststroke; Joey Zello, second place 50 yard breaststroke. The team of Zello, Sole, Devoe, and Benoit combined for first place in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

11-12 Girls

Katelyn Iacolo, first place 200 yard freestyle, third place 50 yard backstroke; Stephanie Scavotto, first place 100 yard freestyle, third place 50 yard breaststroke; Jennifer Bouley, third place 50 yard freestyle, first place 50 yard backstroke; Caitlin Hurley, first place 50 yard freestyle, first place 50 yard breaststroke; Krystina Albano, second place 50 yard butterfly, second place 100 yard freestyle. The team of

Bouley, Hurley, Albano, and Iacolo combined for second place in the 200 yard medley relay. The team of Alison Lips, Iacolo, Albano, and Scavotto combined for second place in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

13-14 Girls

Meredith Golbach, third place 200 yard freestyle, third place 50 yard freestyle, second place 100 yard breaststroke; Angela Virella, third place 100 yard freestyle; Jessica Lalli, first place 200 yard individual medley, second place 50 yard freestyle, first place 100 yard backstroke; Brittany Devoe, second place 100 yard freestyle, third place 100 yard backstroke. The team of Devoe, Golbach, Virella, and Lalli combined for first place in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

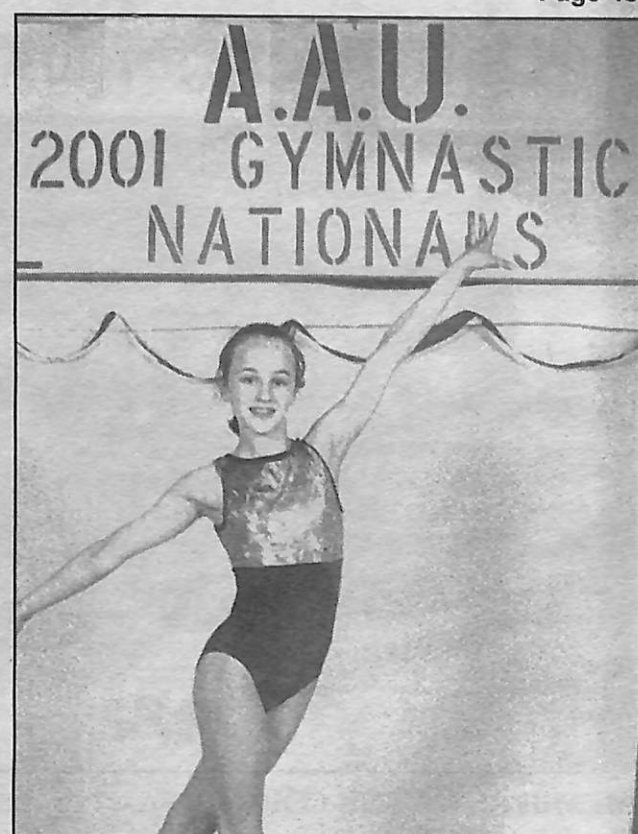
15-18 Girls

Shannon Costa, first place 200 yard freestyle, first place 50 yard freestyle, second place 100 yard backstroke; Daven Macsata, third place 200 yard freestyle, second place 100 yard freestyle, third place 100 yard backstroke.

15-18 Boys

Dave Torrey, first place 200 yard freestyle, second place 50 yard freestyle, first place 100 yard breaststroke; Jeffrey Rivkin, first place 200 yard individual medley, first place 50 yard freestyle, first place 100 yard backstroke; William Loong, third place 50 yard freestyle, first place 100 yard freestyle, second place 100 yard backstroke.

The Piranhas' record now stands at 1-1.



BRIELLE BEAUDETTE

Brielle Beaudette to compete nationally

This August, 12 year-old Brielle Beaudette of Agawam will be heading to Virginia to take part in the USA/AAU Junior Olympic National Championships with two other gymnasts: 12 year-old Kara Croteau and 10 year-old Adrianna Fioretti, both from Longmeadow.

All three gymnasts train at the Pioneer Gymnastic School and qualified for the Junior Olympics during a USA/AAU Regional Championship meet that was held in the early part of June.

Approximately 7,000 young athletes throughout the United States will be converging on Hampton Roads, Virginia, for an intense week of competition in all of the Olympic events. The gymnastic competition will be held at the Hampton Coliseum.

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Pedersen.

Agawam Bruno's would run out the string, which included two more corners, the final of which was taken by Davilli (which had a chance when McLane got a foot on the ball but misfired). Cirillo also had a few upfield rushes that included dribbling and weaving through a maze of defenders before dishing off.

Jenny would close out the game with a save on one of Minnechaug's infrequent shots on goal.

Agawam would have eight second-half shots for a total of 17. Minnechaug checked in with two for a total of three.

Agawam went to 4-1-2. The Falcons fell to 3-3-2.

AGAWAM GOALS: Davilli, Lawson, and Sardella. ASSISTS: Santaniello.

Golf Tournament honors the memory of Chris Corgan...



MEMBERS OF THE CORGAN FAMILY recently gathered at Oak Ridge Golf Club to hold the Annual Christopher J. Corgan Memorial Golf Tournament. Chris Corgan died suddenly five years ago of a heart condition while working out in the gym. This memorial tournament raises scholarship money each year to be given to worthy applicants. In left photo: Agawam resident Dan Beavis receives a \$1,000 scholarship from the Christopher J. Corgan Memorial Fund. Dan is working towards his bachelor's degree in biotechnology. From left: Joe Corgan, Chris's dad; Dan Beavis and his wife, Catherine; and Barbara Corgan, Chris's mom. In right photo: Chris's parents pose with Elizabeth Fennell (center), a 2001 graduate of West Springfield High School and a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Corgan Memorial Fund. Elizabeth will be attending Curry College in Milton, MA. Also receiving \$1,000 awards were the American Heart Association and the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE members of the Corgan family at the Annual Christopher J. Corgan Memorial Golf Tournament (from left): George Corgan (brother), Catherine Corgan (grandmother), Joe Corgan (father), Barbara Corgan (mother), Michael Corgan (brother), Melissa Corgan (Michael's wife), and Donna Corgan (Joe's sister). Missing from photo: Kerry Corgan (George's wife). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Little League team wins third game in District II

The Agawam Little League team won its third game in the District II Little League Tournament on Friday, July 6th, at Memorial Field in Agawam, beating West Springfield, 13-2.

Billy Parr pitched a one-hitter for the third terrific pitching performance from Agawam. Parr struck out seven and walked three as Agawam cruised to the victory.

For the second straight game, the Agawam bats were very active, topped by a fourth-inning, two-run homer by Steve Donah. Nick Pioggia, Steve Carmody, and Steve Butt each had two hits for the Agawam attack.

In the fifth inning, Agawam exploded with seven runs. All but one of Agawam's 11 players had a hit in the game. Joe Coletti played well defensively for Agawam with five put-outs.

The only West Springfield hit came in the fourth inning on a double by Joe Parillo.

Agawam will face Westfield North on Friday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. in Agawam.

Six Flags to host 11th annual Golf Classic

Six Flags New England is hosting the 11th annual Edward J. Carroll, Sr. Scholarship Fund Golf Classic, which will be held at Oak Ridge Country Club on July 17th. The Golf Classic was created in 1990 to honor Edward J. Carroll, Sr., founder of Riverside Park. The Park was transformed in 2000 to New England's premier theme park, Six Flags New England.

The Edward J. Carroll, Sr. Scholarship Fund awards educational scholarships to park employees each year to assist in their expenses. Supported by local vendors, employees, and area businesses, last year the golf classic was able to fund over \$60,000 to 47 students. Overall, the classic has awarded over \$250,000 in the past 11 years.

Participants in the event can expect 18 holes of challenging golf at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Agawam, as well as lunch on the clubhouse terrace and a putting contest. Cocktails, dinner, and awards will take place at the River's Edge Picnic Grove at Six Flags New England in Agawam.

For a third year, Gardner Engineering has signed on to be the title sponsor of the Invitational Golf Classic. For further information, call (413) 786-9300, ext. 3221.

Golf Tip Of The Week...

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2. Now swing down again through to the height of your hips on the follow-through. Practice this continuously, like a pendulum.

Train regularly at this and learn the movement well. You will soon feel the freedom that the correct movement gives you. All the great players perform this part of the swing well.

By practicing this exercise, you will give yourself a chance to become a better player.

Agawam COA & Parks/Rec. offer trip to Fenway

The Agawam Council on Aging and the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department are co-sponsoring a trip to Fenway Park on Tuesday, September 25th, to see the Boston Red Sox versus the Baltimore Orioles.

The bus will leave from the Agawam Senior Center at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$60 person, and this price includes the ticket to the game, the bus trip, and a meal on the bus.

Tickets are available at the Parks & Recreation Office and at the Agawam Senior Center. Call 821-0513 for more information.

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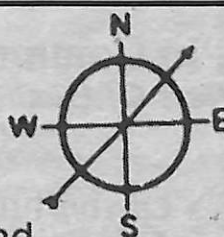
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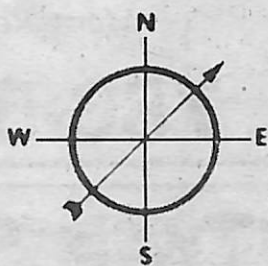
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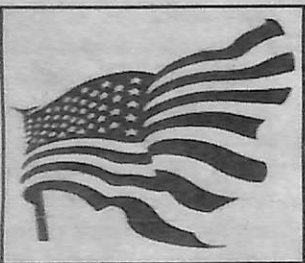
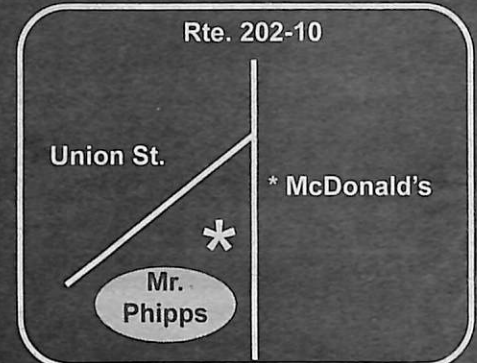
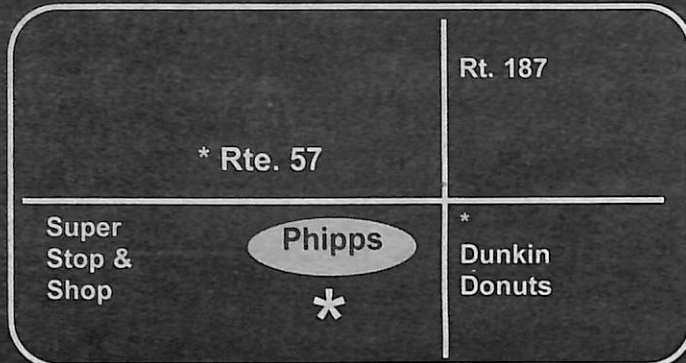
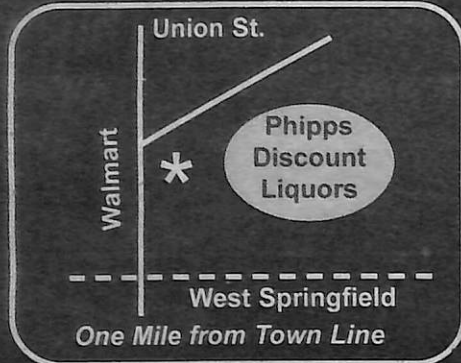
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